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and

Anton Oberstar (1870 – 1945)

Married 1890

Micka (Mary) Birsa

To My Grandmother, Angela Ursich Setina

This family history is dedicated to the memory of my maternal grandmother, Angela Ursich Setina. She was my friend and confidant, especially through my high school years. She provided me with a rich and warm extended family in my aunts, uncles and cousins. I still feel her hands upon mine as I stretch out the dough for potica, which she taught me to make when I was a child. Her numerous photographs, documents and clippings inspired this family history.

In Memory of My Mother

...whose first priority was always family

The first time I heard this song, I thought of my mother. It's words prompted me to visualize specific times at various ages, and remember how my mother was there for me and the positive influence she continually provided from childhood through adulthood. I add this page as a special tribute to my mother and friend, Dorothy Setina Scholtes, "**Because You Loved Me.**"

For all those times you stood by me
For all the truth that you made me see
For all the joy you brought to my life
For all the wrong that you made right
For every dream you made come true
For all the love I found in you
I'll be forever thankful, mother,
You're the one who held me up
Never let me fall
You're the one who saw me through it all.

You gave me wings and made me fly
You touched my hand so I could touch the sky
I lost my faith, you gave it back to me
You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me and I stood tall
I had your love I had it all
I'm grateful for each day you gave me
Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true
I was blessed because I was loved by you.

You were always there for me
The tender wind that carried me
A light in the dark shining your love into my life
You've been my inspiration
Through the lies you were the truth
My world is a better place because of you

You were my strength when I was weak
You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn't see
You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach
You gave me faith 'cause you believed
I'm everything I am
Because you loved me.

"To be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to be ever a child. For what is man's lifetime unless the memory of present events is woven with those of earlier times?"

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Preface

My interest in genealogy began in the late 1970's, with a wedding picture of my maternal grandma, Angela Setina. As the beginning of a pictorial history, it hung proudly and lovingly on the wall. Soon, grandma's picture was surrounded by photographs of paternal grandparents. Later, pictures of great grandparents adorned my wall. Who were these people and who were their descendants? The urge to discover and tell their story grew, and in 1991, a genealogy of my father's maternal and paternal ancestors, who emigrated from Luxembourg and their descendants was published.

My grandmother, Angela Ursich Setina, was my only living grandparent at the time I caught the genealogy bug. Weekly, I would go to her home and ask her questions about her life and her family, recording it all on audiocassette. She seemed to know all the dates and names of people in her family tree, and enjoyed sharing information about them. I loved looking at her photograph albums and hearing her stories about the people pictured in them. Yet, I never truly realized the wealth of information she had accumulated in her ninety nine years until she was gone. Angela Ursich Setina passed away in October 1997. Her children generously passed on to me all of grandma's documents and photographs, as well as the many newspaper clippings she saved, which recorded stories of her relatives and their lives, and included her wedding announcement from 1920. Her photographs dated back to the wedding picture of her parents in 1891, and created a pictorial history of this immigrant family through to the present. To me, these were great treasures. I felt a deep obligation to share these historical things, which grandma had collected, with all of my cousins and their families.

As I organized the photographs, documents and clippings, I realized that her family extended to all of her cousins, many of whom I barely knew or did not know at all. They were grandma's friends as well as being her cousins. All needed to be included in the family history. After much thought, and realizing the magnitude of the project, I decided to begin the family history with grandma's oldest known ancestor, which was her grandfather, Anton Birsa, born in 1826. From there, I set out to trace all of his descendants, down to the most recently born baby. This task involved letter writing and many phone calls. Through it, I have met many cousins. It has created friendships where there were none. I was particularly surprised with and thankful for the readiness of people to share old family documents, photographs and memories with me.

At this time, I am printing all of the information obtained to date concerning the Ursich, Birsa and Oberstar families descended from Anton Birsa. I do this with the full realization that this family history is far from complete and with a willingness to continue collecting, recording and disseminating data as it is received. It may be years before I have the time to research further back in our history, and some of the family choose not to participate. However, I decided to "strike while the iron is hot", knowing that returning to work severely limits opportunities to further this research and not knowing what next year might bring.

The principal sources of information for this history were family documents and individual data sheets submitted by relatives. Additional sources include records of vital statistics at the offices of Will County Court House. Some family members chose not to submit biographical data. However, I have included all data that was submitted or given to me by telephone. Although care has been taken to make this record as accurate as possible, omissions and errors are bound to appear. I apologize for any inaccuracies. If anyone has names and history of descendants past, present and future who are not recorded in our family history, please notify me so that a record may be kept for future addendum.

There are far more photographs and documents for some individuals and families than for others. This it not intended as a slight in any way. The number of photographs and documents used was dependent upon those submitted by family members. All documents and pictures submitted, which were readable in copy, were used herein.

My special thanks to all who returned the requested data sheets; to those who responded so politely to my telephone inquiries for individual data; to those who shared photographs and documents; and to everyone who assisted in any way in making this Urisch-Birsa-Oberstar History a possibility. I hope you enjoy discovering your extended family.

Jean Scholtes Zielinski
Spring 2000

How to Use this Book

Our family history is divided into PARTS, one Part for each child descended from the family progenitor, Anton Birsa. Parts therefore indicate SECOND GENERATION descendants. The Parts are divided into SECTIONS. Within each Section may be the following subdivisions: Section 1 (THIRD GENERATION descendants), Section 2 (FOURTH GENERATION descendants), Section 3 (FIFTH GENERATION descendants), Section 4 (SIXTH GENERATION descendants). Sections are broken down into DIVISIONS, which separate the descendants within a section according to their parentage, thus making it easier to locate family members.

In order to assist in tracing each descendant correctly from generation to generation, many systems have been studied. The **numbering system** used herein enables anyone to trace his or her lineage forward or backward from any point. Each blood descendant has been assigned a number, according to a system similar to the decimal system used in libraries. Each digit represents the numerical order of birth within each generation, and each number should be read from right to left. For example, my number is I1532. The five digits indicate that I am a fifth generation descendant of the family progenitor, each digit representing a generation. Now, reading from right to left, the numbers mean that I am the second child of a third child (Dorothy Setina) of the fourth generation. Her mother (Angela Ursich Setina, of the third generation) was the fifth child of the second-generation ancestor, Amalia Birsa Ursich. Amalija Birsa was the first child of our earliest known progenitor, Anton Birsa.

The use of a digital system would ordinarily limit the number of possibilities in each position to 9 or 10 (depending upon the use of the zero). To accommodate the occasion of more than 9 or 10 children in a family, the numbering system provides that the tenth child is "X", the eleventh is "A", the twelfth is "B", and so on.

Each family progenitor is identified as generation 1. Our family progenitor is Anton Birsa (until and if the name of his father is researched). His sons and daughters are in generation 2, their grandchildren are in generation 3. These generation symbols are shown as superscripts (or raised numbers) after the name of each descendant (such as Angela^{3}) and indicate the number of generations descended from the progenitor.

You will notice a parenthetical statement following the name of each descendant. This is a list of names, each with a generation symbol (raised number) attached to it,

enclosed in parentheses following the named descendant. This is an abbreviated way of showing a descent in the successive generation from the progenitor of the family. For example: **JEAN MARIE [5] SCHOLTES ZIELINSKI** (Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalija[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) shows that Jean, a fifth generation descendant of Anton Birsa, is the daughter of Dorothy of the fourth generation, who was a daughter of Angela of the third generation, who was a daughter of Amalija of the second generation; this Amalija being a daughter of Anton, the progenitor of the family.

The children of each descendant are listed after the descendant's biography. The surname of these children is indicated in capital letters after the name of the first child. The superscript (raised number) after the name of the first child (such as Angela[3]) indicates the number of generations descended from the progenitor. This number applies to all of the children listed, but is printed only in the listing of the first child.

The genealogical cycle used for each descendant's 'biography' is as follows: Name - birth date/ place; death date/place. Marriage date/place. Name of spouse; spouse's birth date/place, death date/place. Names of spouse's parents, birth date/place; death date/place. Education, United States of America Military Service, occupation(s), hobbies, children.

BACKGROUND

The lives of many of our ancestors, who immigrated from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, centered around their church and their community. Many of them settled in Joliet, Illinois, where their lives and the history of Saint Joseph's Church and the American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) are intertwined. The following articles are included to help us appreciate the lives and times of our ancestors. For this reason, I have included three articles, reprints from anniversary books from Saint Joseph's Church in Joliet, which can help give us a better picture of the culture and times which shaped the lives of our ancestors.

BACKGROUND

Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Illinois

HIGHLIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HISTORY

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Diamond Jubilee of St. Joseph's Parish. What tremendous meaning is contained in these few words. Seventy-five years of service and glory to God. How many thousands of Holy Masses have been offered to God during these 75 years and only the Lord knows of the millions of Holy Communions received by the faithful. Here the newly born were received into Christ's fold through the waters of baptism, later to be confirmed as soldiers of Christ. Hundreds of couples were joined in Holy Matrimony. Eleven sons of the Parish became the Lord's anointed and offered their first Masses here. More than fifty young women joined the Sisterhoods to become brides of Christ. Hundreds and Hundreds of parishioners who have fallen asleep in the Lord, were brought here for their last visit to the house of God.

The magnificent edifice erected in 1904-05 stands as a fitting monument with its tall stately spires. The stalwart walls of beautiful St. Joseph's Church enveloping as it were, Christ in the Tabernacle, the House of Bread, have been silent witnesses to the daily Breaking of Bread. For many, many years there have been six Holy Masses offered every morning and seven Masses every Sunday and eight Masses on Holydays. Thousands of confessions have been heard not only on week-ends before Sundays and Holydays but every morning with no exceptions, for instance even a morning after Christmas or Easter. For this we can be forever grateful to our beloved pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Butala, who as a newly ordained priest and assistant at St. Joseph's, began his daily morning visit to his confessional and continues to do so as pastor these last 28 years. Thus through his zealous efforts no one can have an excuse of not being able to receive the sacraments. The people of St. Joseph's have much to be thankful for, beautiful St. Joseph's Church, its school and playground, St. Joseph's Park, a parish hall and memorable Ferdinand Hall. God has truly returned His blessings a hundred fold. This is truly a memorable milestone in the history of this parish and its parishioners of today. Congratulations to St. Joseph's on this Diamond Jubilee Celebration, to its pastor and parishioners!

But let us look back into the pages and see how it all began.

THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia the Slovenians came to Joliet about 1873. When they were asked their nationality they would declare themselves as Austrians since Slovenia was a part of Austria and too, many of them served in the Austrian army. For many years St. Joseph's Church was called the "Austrian Church." It was only after World War I, when the Slovenians became a part of the newly formed Yugoslavia that their Slovenian nationality came into prominence as members of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

The first Joliet Slovenians attended St. John's Church and their numbers were ever increasing as more and more of them came to America. Seeing that they were becoming a problem by their large attendance at St. John's Church, they were quick to realize that they must organize their own parish. They decided to discuss this problem at a first meeting which took place in the premises of John Zupancic, 1109 N. Chicago St. Here they elected a temporary board which consisted of John Zupancic, president; Steve Stanfel, secretary and Peter Rogina, treasurer, also named were John Metes, Jakob Cesar, Steve Skrinar and Anton Golobitsh. They started immediately to collect funds and succeeded in collecting $800.00 the very first month. At this point they were at a standstill, they could not secure a priest. For this purpose they then visited Archbishop Feehan in Chicago. The Bishop sent Rev. Joseph Molitor, a diocesan consultor, to look into the situation. The first plan was to build a church on the corner of Jackson St., they finally agreed on the plot where the present rectory now stands. At this point they had $1300.00 on hand and needed $450.00 to make the start possible. Since the men had no other alternative they reached into their own pockets to make this possible.

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At this time a Slovenian missionary, Rev. Ivan M. Solnce arrived on his annual visit to give the people the opportunity of making their Easter duty. He heard confessions in the basement of St. Mary's Church (downtown). In the afternoon Father conducted a meeting in Werner Hall. Marcus Krakar was elected president; Anton Golobitsh, secretary and Joseph Stukel, treasurer. Father Solnce left for Europe to procure a Slovenian priest. Knowing the zeal of his former assistant in his native village of Smlednik, Father F.S. Sustersic, he invited him to come to America. On May 12, 1891, the Joliet Slovenes welcomed Father Sustersic on his arrival.

The zealous Father Sustersic wasted no time but plunged into the work at hand. Mass was offered in St. John's Church Hall. A portable altar was built by Mr. Anton Nemanich, the Mass server was Mr. Anton Golobitsh who always prepared the altar for Mass. In this same hall they decided as to the type of church they would build.

The work on the new church started without delay. On July 19, 1891, the cornerstone was laid and blessed by Abbot Nepomuk Jaeger O.S.B. The attendance was very large composed of many nationalities. This cornerstone was later placed into the southeast corner of the present rectory. The stone for the new church was donated by Marcus Krakar. The church was completed in three months, the dimensions being 90 feet in length and 52 feet in width and equipped with gas illumination which was modern at that time. The parishioners selected St. Joseph as the patron of the church. St. Joseph Society bought the statue for the main altar. The ladies of the parish donated the altar linen. The Mass vestments were donated by Messrs. Steve Stanfel and Jacob Bluth. The first chalice was donated by Mr. Joseph Stukel. Many gifts were received from outside sources. Mr. Michael Butala, Sugar Creek, Iowa, sent $800.00. The church also was given a monstrance: a silver wreath mounted on the monstrance was donated by St. Joseph's K.S.K.J. Society. The first censer was donated by Mrs. Mary Stonich. Father Sustersic spent all his personal funds for the church. The Slovak people donated the statues of St. Cyril & Methodius. Finally it was decided to have the blessing of the church on October 18, 1891. On that same Sunday St. Martin's Society of Chicago, (this society later became St. Stephen's No. 1, K.S.K.J. made an excursion to Joliet, several Bohemian societies, some in uniform, joined them. Upon arriving in Joliet they were greeted by a Slovenian band and the local St. Joseph's Society. Mr. Anton Nemanich and Mr. Steve Stanfel, acted as marshalls mounted on horses. The parade was soon joined by local Polish and German Catholic societies. Arriving at the church, the societies formed a cordon as honor guards awaiting the clergy. Soon the clergy appeared from the rectory with Very Rev. Abbot Bernard Locnikar, O.S.B. from St. John's Minn. wearing pontifical robes with miter and crozier, accompanied by the pastor, Rev. F.S. Sustersic, Rev. J. Molitor of Chicago, Rev. P. Ciprian, O.F.M. pastor of St. John's Church and Rev. Mangan, pastor of St. Mary's Church (Irish) of Joliet. The official prayers were recited in church with the procession proceeding also to the outside and around the church. After the blessing the Litanies of All Saints were sung. Abbot Locnikar delivered a Slovenian Sermon and the pontifical Mass followed. During the Mass several sermons were delivered in different languages. The church services extended into early afternoon. At 4 P.M. solemn vespers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Soon the church purchased an organ. Mrs. Krakar was the first one to use the organ for a short period. The first organist was Frank Bernik who played and directed the singing until 1894; he was followed by A. Grcar who remained for ten years. That same year two side altars were placed in church, one with Our Lady of Lourdes statue, donated by Mr. Zupancic and the other a statue of the Sacred Heart, donated by Mr. Steve Stukel. The Blessed Virgin statue was so loved by the women of the parish that it was placed into the main altar of the present church. The church was thus becoming more ornate only the walls were still bare. A few families and individuals offered to donate for the Stations of the Cross. These were blessed on February 28, 1892.

History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1966, 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee History Book, published by Avsec Printers, Joliet, Illinois, 1966, pages 7,9.

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This Prologue and the article which follows, History of St. Joseph's Parish, are presented here to deepen our knowledge and appreciation for our ancestors, who immigrated from the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the late 1800's, for those things which were important to them, and for their way of life. The following information is taken from:

History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1991, 100th Anniversary Centennial Book, published by Joliet Republican Printing Company, 1991, pages 11, 13, 15-17.

Prologue

The immigrants who founded St. Joseph's Parish came from what is today the northernmost republic of Yugoslavia known as Slovenia. The area was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and included the regions of Carinthia, Carniola, and Styria when the immigrants began leaving in large numbers for America in the late nineteenth century.

The territory of Slovenia has remained relatively the same since this Slavic group first settled there around the 6th century A.D. The people have been under Bavarian, German, French, and Austro-Hungarian rule through the centuries. Despite living in subserviency for much of their history, the Slovenians preserved their culture and identity in large part due to a high ideal for education which stemmed from the learned, most of whom were Roman Catholic priests. A strong belief in education and "culture of the heart" enabled the Slovenians who settled in America to establish small communities, each centered around their faith in God.

St. Joseph's is the result of these people who journeyed in faith. Today, the parish recalls its heritage through the immigrants' descendants, Slovenian societies, and the pastor, all of whom continue to represent ties to the ethnic past. With God's help, the faith will carry on for another century as St. Joseph's Parish becomes more diverse, grateful for the faith carried on by those before them.

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History of St. Joseph's Parish

The history of St. Joseph's Parish is also the story of an immigrant people, a Slavic group known as Slovenians or Slovenes. It would be a grave disservice if an account of these foreign settlers was not recorded as part of the early history of the parish. St. Joseph's, after all, was known (and still is to some) as a Slovenian parish. In the formative years of the parish, however, many in the city originally called St. Joseph's the "Austrian" church. It is only appropriate then to digress to the time which predates the establishment of the parish and recall the days on Joliet's northeast side that led up to the formation of the city's fifth Catholic community.

The first known Slovenian to settle in Joliet came in 1861. It would be nearly twenty years later when more Slovenians made their way from their homeland, a region known as Bela Krajina (specifically the areas of Semic and Metlika) to the Will County seat. (As immigration continued over the years, the settlers came from other regions of Slovenia as well.) Although some sources list Slovenian immigration to Joliet beginning about 1873, the 1880's appear to be the prime period of arrival. Approximately forty Slovenians were living in Joliet by 1885. Five years later, the number reached about two hundred.

These early immigrants settled in the north section of town, which was bordered on the west by the Des Plaines River, between the Ruby and Jackson Street bridges; on the east by the Santa Fe railroad tracks (prior to the building of the elevated tracks); on the south by Jackson Street; and on the north by the steel mill yards. This area became known as "Polack Town" because of the various Slavic nationalities which settled in and around this region, where many were mistaken as Polish.

A vast majority of the people were single men who left their European homelands because of dire economic conditions. The few families who resided here took in the men as boarders, some taking in as many as twenty. The limited amount of space allowed the boarders meant they had only the bare necessities - a bed to sleep in and a trunk in which to store their clothes and valuables. Young women were scarce and any unmarried woman who came from Europe could possibly be married within two or three weeks upon arrival. Despite these hasty marriages, they proved to be lasting ones.

The men were employed at any of the various industries in Joliet, such as the American Steel and Wire Company. 1889 was not a very good year for factories across the country. The legality of trade unions and problems arising from industrial monopolies

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were being discussed in Congress. Joliet appeared to be affected by these circumstances. Strikes, layoffs, and cuts in pay disrupted the lives of many of the citizens of Joliet. The immigrants were faced with their own difficulties as well: they had to overcome language and cultural barriers; however, one obstacle which stood in their way was the established American society.

The American workmen were rapidly losing their jobs to cheap immigrant labor. The immigrants did not realize how this situation would affect their associations with their new neighbors. The local press presented a feeling of animosity in its treatment of the new arrivals. A strike at the Lambert and Bishop Wire Mill on North Chicago Street was reported by the *Joliet Daily Press* on April 3, 1889. The article stated the foreigners were "scabs on American workmen." This type of attitude soon spread throughout the city. It seemed the only welcome mat set out for the immigrants was by the exploitative companies.

The Slavic community also had another predicament which found some of them getting into trouble with the law. The taverns in their district were often the site of an occasional fight or skirmish and the police were summoned to break up the fisticuffs and arrest those responsible for the illegal dispensation of liquor. Local temperance societies, along with news briefs about these incidents in the newspapers, looked unfavorably upon the immigrant community, thus giving it a bad name. In due time, St. Joseph's would help resolve the image of the area and establish a favorable Christian community.

St. John's Parish is located across the Des Plaines River from the old Slovenian district. It was here that the Slovenian immigrants first attended Mass. St. John's had a successful Slovenian, quarryman Markus Krakar, among its members. He played an important role in the establishment of St. Joseph's. Others soon found their way to the German parish on North Hickory Street. Since the region of Slovenia was then a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, of which German was the dominant language, the Slovenians found it easiest to communicate with the German rather than the English-speaking citizens.

As more and more Slovenians began attending St. John's, the pastor foresaw a problem of overcrowding caused by the new arrivals. In 1889 he remarked to the "Austrians" (as the Slovenians, as well as the Croatians, were then called) about this situation. This prompted some action on the part of several Slovenian men to pursue the possibility of forming a new parish for the growing number of Slovenians settling in Joliet. The men recognized as the lay founders of St. Joseph's Parish are John Zupancic, Steve Stanfel, Peter Rogina, John Metesh, Jakob Cesar, Steve Skrinar, and Anton Golobitsh. These men took the

initiative to organize, collect funds, and proceed along the proper channels to assure the Slovenian people that they would soon have their own place of worship. However, they may have proceeded too hastily in securing a building for their church even before they were promised a pastor. The *Joliet Daily Republic and Sun* of March 30, 1890 reported that "the members of the Poljsh (sic) Catholic church bought the old church of the Richards street Methodist congregation, paying $1,200 for it. It will be moved to the lot on north Chicago street." (The Slovenians were erroneously referred to as Polish in these days.) It is not known why this sale eventually fell through. One can only speculate that perhaps it was the arrival of the Rev. John Solnce from the Diocese of St. Paul, Minnesota around this time in 1890 who put a stop to the sale. Father Solnce came to Joliet to conduct a Mission and hear Easter confessions. Father Solnce was originally from Slovenia and attended to the spiritual needs of Slovenians in America. His Mission was held in the basement of St. Mary's (Carmelite) church. Following the services, a meeting was held in Werner's Hall and a committee formed. A petition was drafted and signed by those present which requested a priest from Slovenia to become their pastor. Father Solnce took the petition with him on his next trip to Slovenia. He knew of a priest from his old parish in Smlednik who would be ideal for the new parish.

Prior to the arrival of Father Solnce, several of the lay founders traveled to Chicago to meet with Archbishop Patrick A. Feehan and discuss their need for a new parish. The Archbishop sent the Rev. Joseph Molitor, a Diocesan Consultor, to Joliet to verify the request. Permission was granted and plans for a new church were soon being studied. The arrival of Father Solnce enabled the formation of the parish to move another step closer to reality.

An eager congregation welcomed the Rev. Francis S. Sustersic on May 12, 1891 and so began Joliet's fifth Catholic community. Father Sustersic wasted no time in establishing his residency and the construction of the first St. Joseph's church. The church was to be constructed, initially, on the corner of Chicago and Jackson Streets. The final plan put the structure on the lot where the present-day rectory stands. While the church was being located, Father Sustersic was using St. John's Church Hall for the celebration of Mass and other services. Within five months after his arrival, the parishioners were worshipping in their new House of the Lord.

Ground work for the church began in June, 1891. On July 19, 1891, the cornerstone was blessed by the Rev. Abbot Nepomuk Jaeger, OSB, from Lisle, Illinois. The church was completed three months later, with the consecration ceremony held on Sunday, October 18, 1891. This glorious occasion was attended by the faithful who came from near and far. Among those in attendance were the Very Rev. Abbot Bernard Locnikar, OSB, from St. John's, Minnesota; Rev. Joseph Molitor of Chicago; Rev. Cyprian Banscheid, OFM, pastor of St. John's on Hickory Street; Rev. Thomas Mangan, pastor of St. Mary's on Ottawa Street; and numerous societies from Joliet and Chicago. Father Sustersic and the new Catholic parish on Joliet's northeast side celebrated with prayers of thanksgiving, for the Lord had answered their prayers, bringing to fruition a community of believers.

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THE AMERICAN SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC UNION (KJKJ)

"Our Slovenian immigrants often faced hardships and unemployment in their new country. Public collections to pay for burials and to assist widows and orphans were common place in America in the late 1800's.

To provide for their own, a group of Slovenian pioneers representing several already existing independent lodges, met in Joliet, Illinois on April 2, 1894 and formed a Fraternal Benefit Society. They named it the Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union (Kranjska Slovenska Katoliska Jednota) - KSKJ."

CHAPTER IV.

Fraternal Organizations and Societies

K. S. K. J.

THE GRAND CARNIOLIAN SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC UNION

THE Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union, or K. S. K. J. was founded in Joliet on April 2, 1894. It comprised nine local societies of variouh States with a combined membership of 333.

The idea of combining the scattered societies existing among the Slovenians in various far-flung settlements into a central union was in the mind of Rev. Francis X. Šusteršič as early as 1891. The next two years were spent in acquainting the Slovenian public with this idea, through the medium of informative articles published in the Amerikanski Slovenec, which was then edited and published by Father Buh in Tower, Minn. These articles were written by Father Šusteršič, Fr. Šavs who was then a seminarian, Mr. Wardjan and others.

Whilst the agitation was being carried on, Father Šusteršič composed the first constitution and rules for the proposed union and these were published in the same paper in November of 1893. A short time later an invitation was sent out by Michael Wardjan of Joliet, to 17 societies to send a representative to the founding meeting called for April 1. 1894 in Joliet, Ill.

Eight societies sent delegates, and one named Father Šusteršič as its spokeman. Ten societies were received into the Union, they were: St. Joseph's, Joliet; St. George's, Joliet; St. Cyril & Methodius, Joliet; St. John The Baptist, Joliet; St. Cyril & Methodius, Tower, Minn.; St. Cyril & Methodius, Ely, Minn.; Holy Family, La Salle, Ill.; St. Martin's, Chicago; St. Rock's, Clinton, Iowa; and St. Joseph's, Forest City, Pa.

The first officers of the newly formed Union were: Joseph Stukel, President; Steve Pasich, Vice President; Michael Wardjan, 1st Secre-

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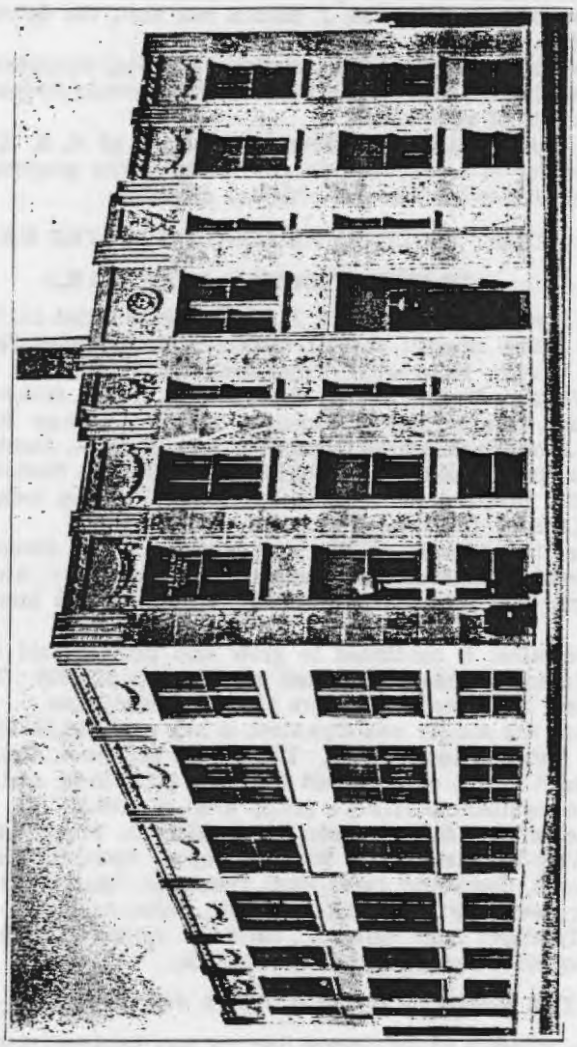
tary; Ivan Pakiz, 2nd Secretary; Steve Stanfel, Treasurer; Rev. Francis X. Šusteršič, Spiritual Director; Matt Brinski, John Oberstar and Peter Miketich, Trustees.

The Union was named: "Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliška Jednota" or The Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union. It began to function with July 1, 1894. As soon as the required number of 500 members was reached, a petition was sent to Springfield for incorporation. K.S.K.J. was incorporated and received a charter on Jan. 12, 1898. From then on the Union grew steadily in membership and assets.



The New K. S. K. J. Home — Glavni Urad K. S. K. J.

In 1916, when immigration from Europe stopped due to the War, the Juvenile Department was organized and thereby the future growth of the K.S.K.J. was assured.

The first permanent home for the Headquarters of K.S.K.J. was built in 1909 at 1004 N. Chicago St. Joliet. After years of steady growth even this building became too small and a new one had to be erected.

This was done in 1938 when the new home of the K. S. K. J. was built at 351-53 N. Chicago St. Joliet. The new building is not only spacious enough for the business of K.S.K.J., but is also beautiful enough to be to the credit of K.S.K.J. and to Slovenian people of Joliet. It was officially opened on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of K.S.K.J. July 23, 1939.

The Slovenians of Joliet are especially proud of K.S.K.J. not only because it was conceived, born and established in Joliet, but more so because it is a real fraternal union built upon solid Christian principles. They are also proud of the fact that all of our pastors have served a number of terms as spiritual directors of this fine organization. Our present pastor Rev. M. J. Butala has been the Spiritual Director of K.S.K.J. since 1939.

The Union has 182 local societies with total membership of 27,084 in the Adult Department, and 10,044 in the Juvenile division, with combined assets of $4.832,026.74.

Mr. Joseph Zalar, the Supreme Secretary of K. S. K. J. has been in office for 32 consecutive years. Much of the progress of K.S.K.J. has been due to his wise and efficient direction.

JOLIET SOCIETIES BELLONGING TO THE K.S.K.J.

ST.JOSEPH SOCIETY, NO. 2, K.S.K.J.

St. Joseph's Society, No. 2, K.S.K.J. was founded on Tuesday, May 6, 1890. The original charter members were: Peter Jevcek, Joseph Stukel, Martin Kramarich, Peter Ivansek, Martin Fir, Math Bezek, John Vidmar, Stefan Stukel, Jacob Hren, Anton Golobich, Nicholas Nemanich, Frank Zlogar, Florijan Stertzel, George Stonich, John Zmajc, John Bluth, Marko Nemanich, John Stopnik, Jacob Bluth, John Ramuta, John Kambic, Michael Brodarich, Joseph Cavlovic, and John Zupancic. Of these 25 pioneers, two are still living today. They are: John Kambic, and George Stonich.

The first officers of the society were: Peter Jevcek, President; John Zmajc, Vice President; Joseph Stukel, Secretary; Anton Golobich, Treasurer; John Stopnik, Recording Secretary; and Martin Fir, Sentinel.

Thereafter it continued to grow and prosper and today the St. Joseph's Society has a combined membership of 1028. There are 671 adult and 357 juvenile members at the present time.

Since the society was organized it has paid $55,195.50 in the form of sick benefits to members. During its existence, the K.S.K.J. has paid death claims on 219 adult members $189,450.00, and 14 claims on juvenile members $3,767.00, a grand total of $193,217.00.

The officers for 1941 are: John Cernovic, President; Louis Kosmerl, Vice-President; Rev. Michael Cepon, Spiritual Director; Louis Martincich, Secretary; Peter Plut, Treasurer; Martin Kramarich, Recording Secretary; Robert L. Kosmerl, John A. Bluth, and John A. Mutz, Trustees; John Mutz, Sr., Sentinel: Anthony Buchar, Reporter; and Raymond Mutz, Director of Athletics.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST.GEORGE SOCIETY NO.3, K.S.K.J.

The Knights of St. George Society was founded Nov. 8, 1891. Beside being a fraternal society it also fostered military and calisthenic drills. Its members wore full military uniforms at the society's functions. For many years they furnished a guard of honor during the Holy Week at the repository in our church.

At first the society belonged to the Bohemian Catholic Union. Its

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Information is provided here about the Illinois and Michigan Canal for two reasons. First, because the canal was important in the development of the area in which our ancestors settled, and second, because some of our ancestors found work which involved the I & M Canal. Building of the canal began in 1836, and the canal was first opened on April 16, 1848. In 1871, the I & M Canal was deepened.

Benedict[2] Birsa (1863-1947) had work which involved the canal, but would have been too young to have worked building the canal. Michael Ursich, husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich, worked for the state of Illinois along the I & M canal.

THE CANAL THAT BUILT CHICAGO

The I&M Canal brought people and prosperity to Chicago and the entire Midwest. It revolutionized the transportation system of Illinois and helped establish Chicago as a passageway for goods and people traveling throughout the continent. Today, Illinois is still a leader in transporting goods and people, but few realize that it all started with the I&M Canal.

The canal had an immediate and lasting impact on the Midwestern economy. First and foremost, it opened the region to development. Before the canal, northern Illinois had no paved roads or railroads. Farmers and others found it difficult to ship goods to market. Without reliable transportation, many farmers only grew enough to supply themselves or their local community with food. During rainy seasons the few trails turned into rivers of mud, and in the summer, clouds of dust choked horses and people alike. With the canal open, a journey that in 1818 took fur traders three weeks, and in the 1830s took farmers days on muddy roads, took only 24 hours on a canal boat. Suddenly people, corn, wheat, stone, and other products poured into Chicago, and finished goods from the East Coast streamed into the West.

Even before it opened, the canal attracted people to the Midwest. As a result land values along the canal and in Chicago skyrocketed. Indeed, it was one of the most frenzied periods of real estate speculation ever. Chicago's incredible growth stemmed largely from the I&M Canal. By 1848 Chicago's population was around 20,000. This figure is modest by today's standards, but it represented a 500 percent increase in just 10 years.

WHEN MULES PULLED BOATS

Throughout history water has been the best way to transport people and goods. From 1673 on, explorers, politicians, investors, travelers and farmers alike saw the advantages of building a canal near Chicago that would link the waters of Lake Michigan with those of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, thus providing a water passage all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. In 1825, when the Erie Canal opened as a link between the Great Lakes and the Eastern seaboard, the proposed Illinois canal gained impetus because its construction would provide a continuous water highway stretching from New York to New Orleans.

After years of planning, the Canal Commissioners began building the I&M Canal in 1836, but faced numerous hurdles including a shortage of workers and the national financial panic in 1837. Irish, as well as German, Swedish and other immigrants, attracted by the promise of abundant jobs, flocked to Illinois to begin the arduous work of digging the canal by hand.

The workers lived in rude shanties, and many died of diseases, including cholera and dysentery. During the summer months the men feared contracting malaria. On one occasion workers, arguing that whiskey would protect them from the disease, demanded that they be supplied with it before venturing into the water to fabricate the canal's foundation. The hard-pressed contractor relented. Local lore records that canal workers were paid a dollar and a gill of whiskey per week.

The canal contained 15 locks, plus two near Chicago, 4 aqueducts, and a pumping station at Bridgeport in Chicago. It covered 97 miles, from Chicago to La Salle. The water supply came via the Chicago, Des Plaines, Little Calumet, Kankakee, and Fox rivers. The canal was 60-feet wide at the top, 36-feet wide on the bottom, and 6-feet deep. Bridges, dams, locktenders' houses, and the towpath for the mules that pulled the boats were also constructed along the canal.

The economic crisis of the late 1830s and early 1840s resulted in wage reductions for canal workers, and violence erupted on several occasions. For several years virtually all work on the canal was halted. By the early 1840s the state of Illinois was virtually bankrupt. Although unfinished, the completion of the I&M Canal was the one tangible hope for a brighter future. Fortunately, loans from European and American investors allowed the project to carry on, and the canal was completed in 1848.

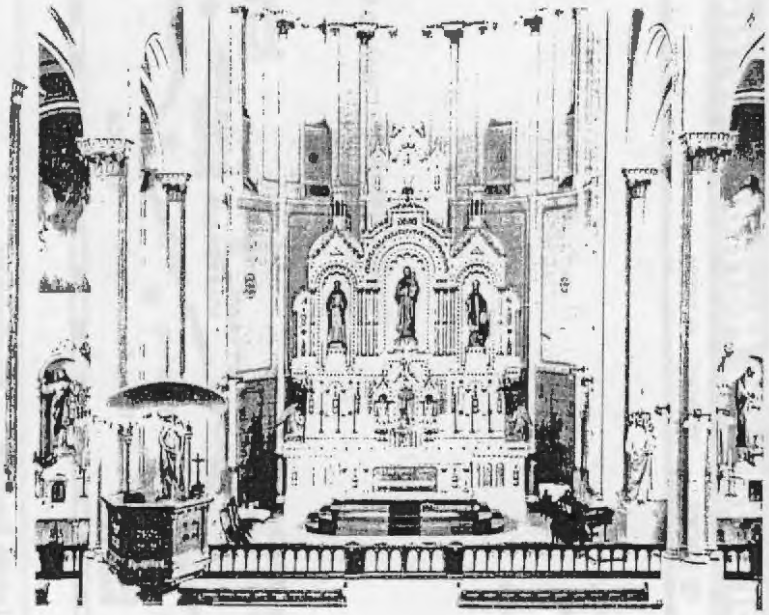
In its first few years the canal exceeded the expectations of even its most ardent supporters. Corn and wheat flowed into Chicago in huge quantities, as did lumber cut from the hardwood forests of Michigan and Wisconsin, making Chicago the lumber capital of the world. Beef, pork, stone, coal, sugar and salt were among the commodities shipped on the canal.

The I&M Canal carried on a lively passenger trade between 1848-1854. Canal packet boats carried thousands of people back and forth between Chicago and La Salle. Within six years, however, the completion of railroads that paralleled the canal route ended passenger traffic. The I&M Canal established Chicago as a transportation hub. Trains, cars and trucks, and airplanes all followed in its wake.

The I&M Canal was the last great American waterway built during the canal era. In the 1850s and 1860s the nation increasingly shifted to rail transport and thousands of miles of railroad were built. Railroads had many advantages over canals: they could run all year long, while canals were closed during the winter when the water froze; they were faster and more flexible than canals; could be built anywhere and could build spurs to existing industries. Despite these advantages, the I&M Canal remained profitable until 1866, and shipped a record tonnage in 1882. The canal could best compete with the railroads by shipping heavy bulk items such as limestone, coal, and salt, and this competition kept railroad rates lower, giving Chicago an advantage over other Midwestern cities like St. Louis.

Saint Joseph's Church
Joliet, Illinois
Established 1891

The church, located at 416 N. Chicago Street in Joliet, Illinois, was 1 block east of the Ursich family home on Indiana Street. It was a focal point of the family's faith and life.



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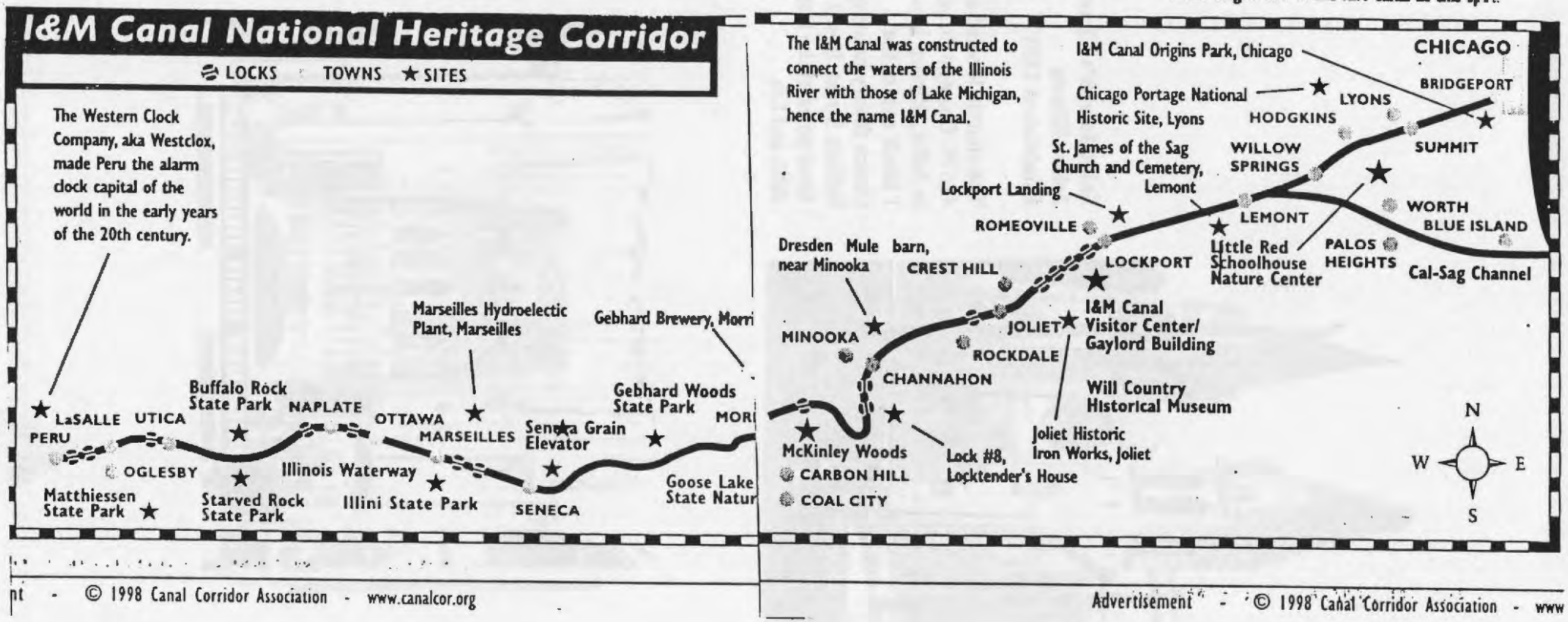

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Joseph[3] (1892), Benjamin J[3] (1894), and Edward[3] Birsa (1986),
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were all born in Carbon Hill, Illinois

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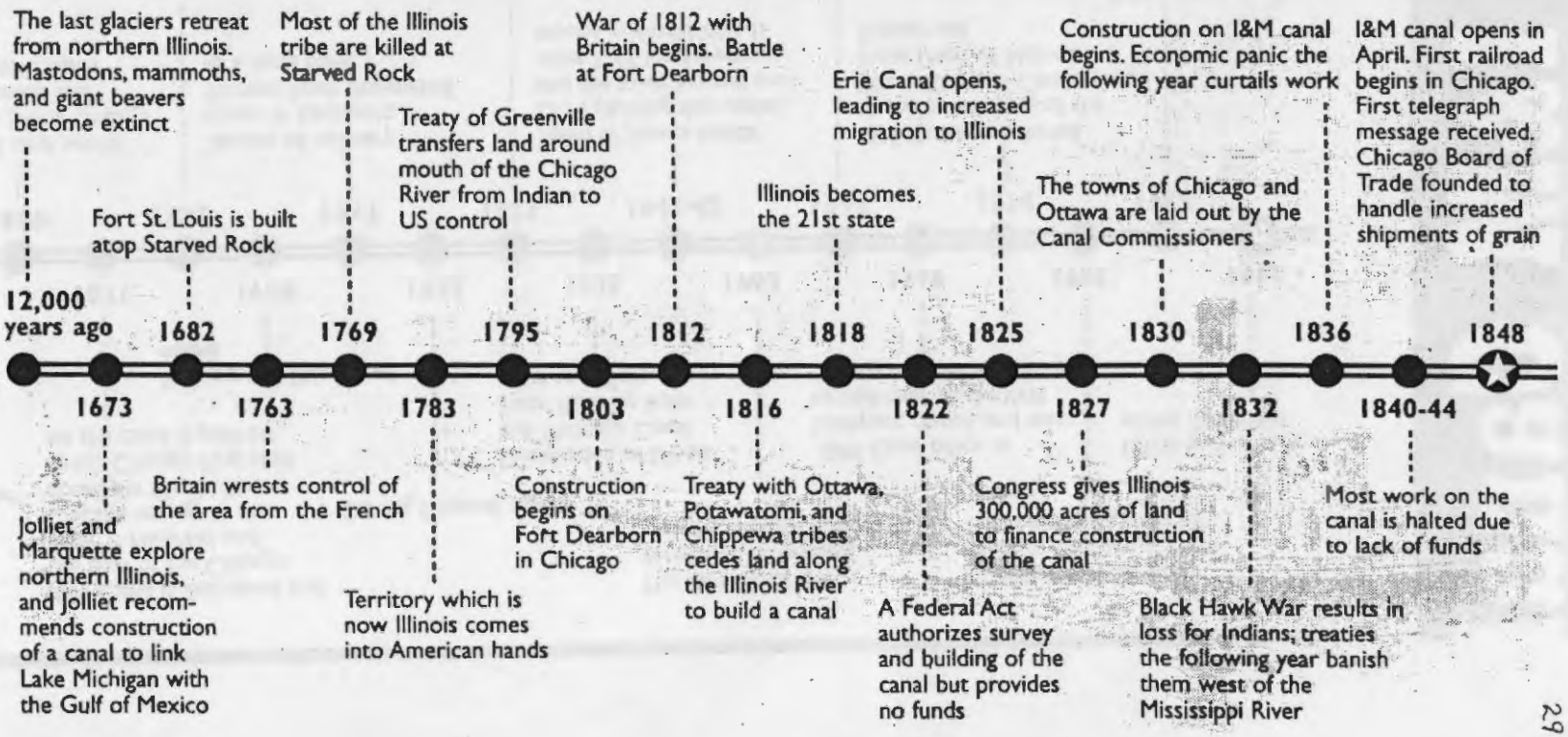
12,000 years ago
The last glaciers retreat from northern Illinois. Mastodons, mammoths, and giant beavers become extinct
1673
Jolliet and Marquette explore northern Illinois, and Jolliet recommends construction of a canal to link Lake Michigan with the Gulf of Mexico
1682
Fort St. Louis is built atop Starved Rock
1763
Britain wrests control of the area from the French
1769
Most of the Illinois tribe are killed at Starved Rock
1783
Territory which is now Illinois comes into American hands
1795
Treaty of Greenville transfers land around mouth of the Chicago River from Indian to US control
1803
Construction begins on Fort Dearborn in Chicago
1812
War of 1812 with Britain begins. Battle at Fort Dearborn
1816
Treaty with Ottawa, Potawatomi, and Chippewa tribes cedes land along the Illinois River to build a canal
1818
Illinois becomes the 21st state
1822
A Federal Act authorizes survey and building of the canal but provides no funds
1825
Erie Canal opens, leading to increased migration to Illinois
1827
Congress gives Illinois 300,000 acres of land to finance construction of the canal
1830
The towns of Chicago and Ottawa are laid out by the Canal Commissioners
1832
Black Hawk War results in loss for Indians; treaties the following year banish them west of the Mississippi River
1836
Construction on I&M canal begins. Economic panic the following year curtails work
1840-44
Most work on the canal is halted due to lack of funds
1848
I&M canal opens in April. First railroad begins in Chicago. First telegraph message received. Chicago Board of Trade founded to handle increased shipments of grain

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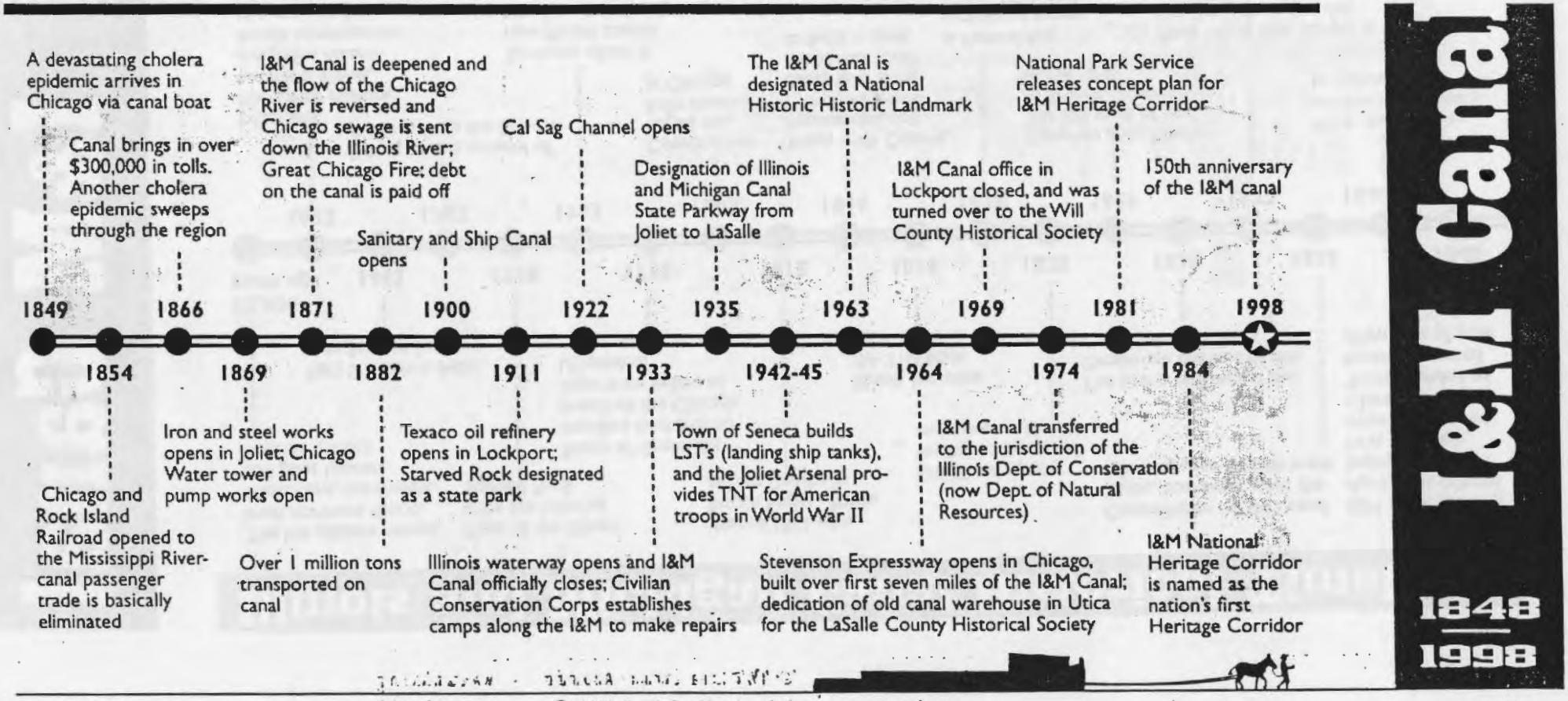
A devastating cholera epidemic arrives in Chicago via canal boat
1849
Canal brings in over $300,000 in tolls. Another cholera epidemic sweeps through the region
1866
I&M Canal is deepened and the flow of the Chicago River is reversed and Chicago sewage is sent down the Illinois River; Great Chicago Fire; debt on the canal is paid off
1871
Sanitary and Ship Canal opens
1900
Cal Sag Channel opens
1922
Designation of Illinois and Michigan Canal State Parkway from Joliet to LaSalle
1935
The I&M Canal is designated a National Historic Historic Landmark
1963
I&M Canal office in Lockport closed, and was turned over to the Will County Historical Society
1969
National Park Service releases concept plan for I&M Heritage Corridor
1981
150th anniversary of the I&M canal
1998
1854
Chicago and Rock Island Railroad opened to the Mississippi River-canal passenger trade is basically eliminated
1869
Iron and steel works opens in Joliet; Chicago Water tower and pump works open
1882
Over 1 million tons transported on canal
1911
Texaco oil refinery opens in Lockport; Starved Rock designated as a state park
1933
Illinois waterway opens and I&M Canal officially closes; Civilian Conservation Corps establishes camps along the I&M to make repairs
1942-45
Town of Seneca builds LST's (landing ship tanks), and the Joliet Arsenal provides TNT for American troops in World War II
1964
Stevenson Expressway opens in Chicago, built over first seven miles of the I&M Canal; dedication of old canal warehouse in Utica for the LaSalle County Historical Society
1974
I&M Canal transferred to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Dept. of Conservation (now Dept. of Natural Resources)
1984
I&M National Heritage Corridor is named as the nation's first Heritage Corridor
I&M Canal
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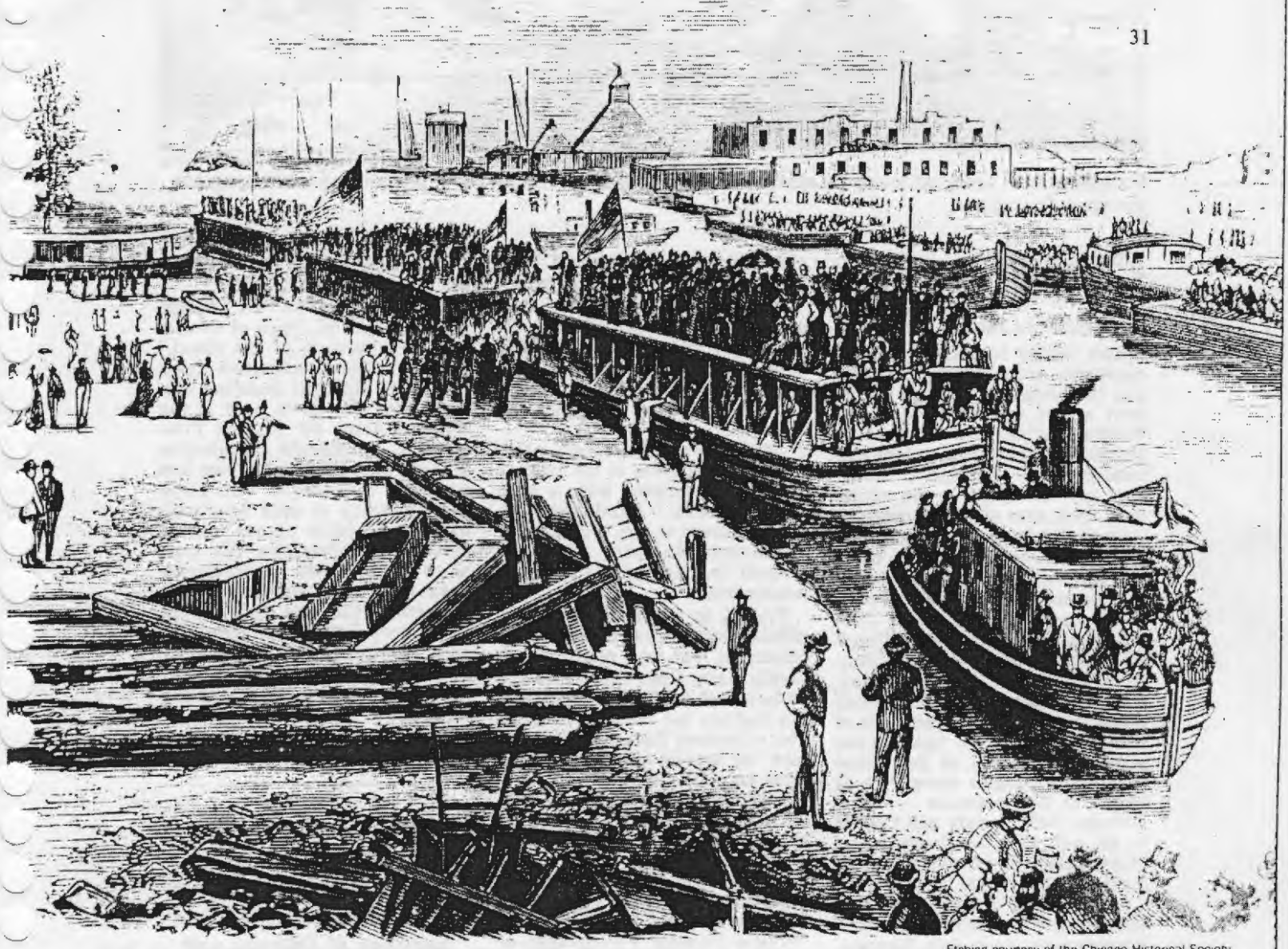

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atloads of revelers mark the opening of the Illinois & Michigan Canal in 1848.

Digging the I&M

The 150th birthday party's on all year long in honor of the waterway that opened Chicago to the west

By Nina A. Koziol
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

It takes a lot of water to make a metropolis grow.

In the case of Chicago, there's Lake Michigan, of course, and the Chicago River. And thanks to 12 years of planning, surveying and digging, there's the Illinois & Michigan Canal, which began to flow on April 16, 1848. The 97-mile waterway that stretches from Chicago to LaSalle-Peru connected the eastern seaboard through the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River, spurring trade and settlement.

"The canal was extremely important in developing all of northeastern Illinois," said John Lamb, director of the Canal and Regional History Collection at Lewis University in Romeoville. Goods and people flowed into and out of the Midwest along its many ports and established Chicago as a great metropolis, Lamb said.

Its barges, mules, lockkeepers and boatmen are long gone, but a series of parties to honor them and their contribution to the area is just beginning. The bash marking the canal's 150th birthday will begin in mid-April with special exhibits, demonstrations, tours, re-enactments, Canal Digger's Ball, fishing tournament and hiking and biking events along the old tow path, where men and animals used to walk along the canal to haul barges.

'The [exhibit] will give an appreciation of the length of the canal and how it interacts with the local geography.'

Jim Zimmer, director
Illinois State Museum
Lockport Gallery

"The Erie Canal had a very big impact on development and settlement [in the U.S.], but of the [country's] other 50 inland canals, this one had the next largest impact," Lamb said. "It's still in existence. That's a reason to celebrate."

The canal has fascinated Ken Burrell of Downers Grove for several years. "I don't think

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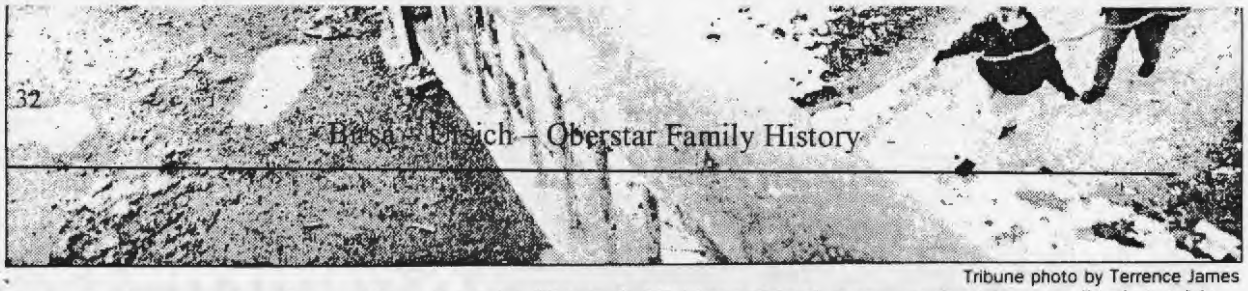

Tribune photo by Terrence James

Footpaths have replaced towpaths along the Illinois & Michigan Canal; here, pedestrians walk alongside the canal in Lockport.

Canal

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people realize how important the canal was to Chicago," he said. "It has intrigued me because it's all part of the development of the Midwest. When you think about the names of Chicago streets and local towns — Canalport, Bridgeport and Lockport — the names stem from sites along the canal."

In recognition of the national significance of the historic canal and the surrounding landmarks and communities, former President Ronald Reagan in 1984 signed a bill creating the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor. The corridor, which at its narrowest extends about three miles on each side of the canal to more than seven miles on each side at the widest point, encompasses more than 40 towns in five counties — Cook, DuPage, Will, Grundy and LaSalle — as well as natural areas and state parks. It covers approximately 322,000 acres.

Many people don't realize that the area has the Heritage Corridor designation, said Bob Noonan, vice president of marketing for the Heritage Corridor Visitors Bureau in Joliet. "In the last five years [in part because of promotion], this has been the fastest growing region of the state for tourism." The U.S. Department of the Interior estimates that about 5.4 million visitors frequent corridor sites, especially Starved Rock State Park and the I&M Canal State Trail, and another 6.1 million visit the river casinos in Joliet each year (although the boats ply the Des Plaines River, they fall within the corridor).

"The sesquicentennial events are just one component, another step in rediscovering the cultural heritage of Chicago and northeastern Illinois," Noonan said. "Once visitors are introduced to the trails and resources this year, they'll come back."

The desk at which Reagan signed the corridor legislation is on permanent display at the LaSalle County Historical Museum in Utica. Located in a former canal warehouse, the museum features "Shared Vision," a permanent exhibit highlighting clothing, tools, photos and business records related to the region.

The Will County Historical Society in Lockport will host a reenactment of the canal's opening ceremonies from noon to 3 p.m. April 16 at 803 N. State St., in the Pioneer Settlement alongside the canal.

"Lockport was the canal's headquarters, and many of the original buildings associated with it have been restored," Lamb said. "A good example is the Will County Historical Society, which is housed in the canal's original headquarters."

From 1 to 5 p.m. April 18, the official inauguration of the sesquicentennial will take place at Chicago's Navy Pier, the corridor's easternmost point. Festivities that day include the dedication of the Pier's Gateway Park mosaic sculpture, the sealing of an I&M Canal time capsule (in which will be placed letters and photos from corridor communities detailing life in 1998), music and, of course, a birthday cake.

Trolleys will provide free transportation from Navy Pier to the Chicago Cultural Center to view "Prairie Passage: Photographs of the Illinois & Michigan Canal Corridor by Edward Ranney." Ranney, who once lived in Libertyville, now is in Santa Fe, N.M.

In addition to Ranney's contemporary black-and-white photos, there will be photographic highlights the region's past through 19th Century images of the canal, street scenes from canal towns and historic maps and paintings.

"Prairie Passage" will move to the Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery in the Gaylord Building at 200 W. 8th St. in Lockport, where it will be on display from July 24 to Oct. 30.

"That's an unusually long time for an exhibit, but given the importance, we decided to do that," said Jim Zimmer, gallery director. "We wanted to extend it into fall for students, especially those studying history.

"It's a fairly substantial exhibition with about 120 photographs. It's a comprehensive look at the canal in a contemporary setting. The photos will give a much fuller appreciation of the length of the canal and how it interacts with the local geography."

The canal is more than a historical footnote, experts say.

"There's a reason that Chicago is bigger than St. Louis or Cincinnati. It's because of the canal," said Ann Hintze, executive director of the Gaylord Building Historic Site, which is part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a nonprofit organization of more than 275,000 members that provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and to revitalize communities. The trust plans to open two major exhibitions in the Gaylord Building in November. The first floor will be the History Gallery, featuring artifacts, exhibit panels and photos, and the second floor will be Hands-On History, an interactive exhibit.

"Most people like history more than they realize," Hintze said.

'The sesquicentennial events are just one component, another step in rediscovering the cultural heritage of Chicago and northeastern Illinois. Once visitors are introduced to the trails and resources this year, they'll come back.'

Bob Noonan

"We hope to present it in an interesting fashion. We're expecting a lot of visitors."

Its attractions will serve school groups as well as individuals who want to do their own investigation and research.

"We're going to talk about the canal in terms of the people, the commodities and the ideas," Hintze said. "We hope that children and adults will come away with a sense of local history and an entertaining experience."

Outside the Gaylord Building, visitors can stroll, jog or bike along the trail that was the canal's old towpath.

"This summer, the trail will be extended so you'll be able to ride your bike [approximately 75

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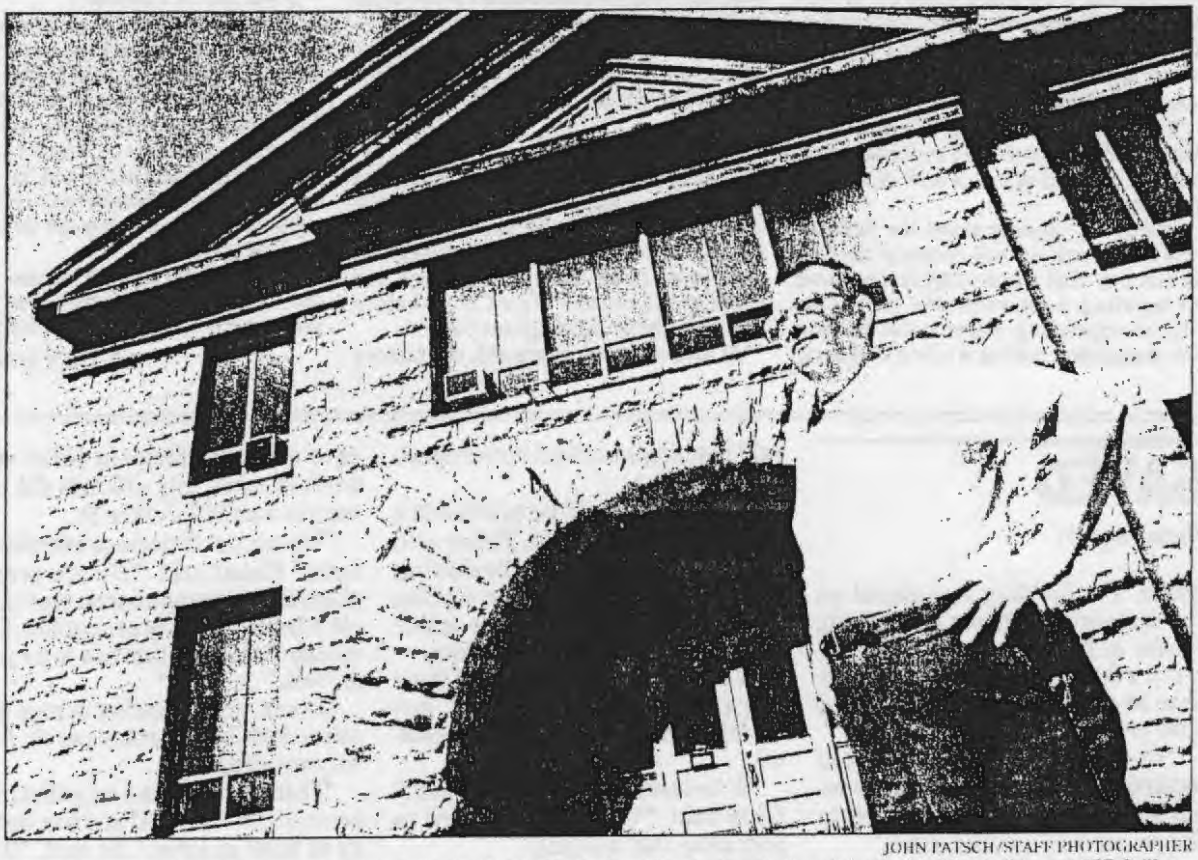
The ring of truth

Constructed in 1891, 927 Collins St. served as the headquarters for iron and steel industries over the past century. The owners want the building torn down. Others say its too rich with history.



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Joe Cronin, owner of Sam's Tavern, alerted the City of Joliet to Birmingham Steel's plans to demolish the old office building at 927 Collins St. Cronin has owned Sam's, a bar at Collins Street and Francis Avenue, for 30 years and thought the old building should be saved.

This article is included here because two family members were employed at this site.

Benjamin J. Birsa (#122) worked there for the American Steel and Wire company from 1935-1959.

Michael Ursich, husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich (#11) was employed there for United States Steel Corp., receiving a medal for 45 years of service.

Saved from a wrecking ball

By Guy Tridgell
STAFF WRITER

JOLIET — From behind the bar of Sam's at Collins Street and Francis Avenue, Joe Cronin has a clear shot to admire the vacant limestone building used as a steel mill headquarters for the past century.

Cronin owns Sam's, a friendly place where Swisher Sweets sell for a nickel and advertisements for Johnsonville Brats hang from the wall. It's a simple place full of local charm, but Cronin, who mans the bar during the day, knows a good thing about classic architecture when he sees it.

And 927 Collins St. certainly qualifies.

"It is a beautiful building," he said of the 2½-story edifice now owned by Birmingham Steel. "To me, it is just a hell of a job of craftsmanship."

Cronin, 62, literally saved the building from the wrecking ball recently after he alerted City Hall about plans to tear down the building. Last week, the Joliet City Council responding, slapping the building with designation making it a local landmark.

With the classification, the city has the power to act against the wishes Birmingham Steel and stop any demolition proceedings.

"The building is unbelievable," said Don Fisher, director of planning for Joliet. "There are many buildings that are architecturally significant. This building is culturally significant because of all the people who worked there. It is our city's history."

It was a move company officials, who wanted to raze the building to accommodate some improvements made at the factory 15 months ago, were not anticipating.

"We did not ask for that," said John Ohm, vice president and general manager of the Illinois Steel Division of Birmingham Steel.

Century-old building

Constructed in 1891 as the headquarters for the Union Coal, Iron and Transportation Company, 927 Collins St. switched owners several times — it's most reknowned tenants were United States Steel Corp. and American Steel and Wire Co. — before being bought by Birmingham Steel.

At well over 100 years old, the factory represents the oldest industry along the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Thousands of Joliet residents have worked there during its history, making the old headquarters somewhat of a local icon.

Trying to preserve it was an easy call.

"As an office building, it is unique," said Mark Baker, a member of the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission. "Years ago, they put a lot of effort and time into this building. It would have been one of the nicer ones."

It was almost a memory.

After Birmingham Steel reconfigured the plant last year, it became necessary to move the main entrance because trucks were having a tricky time turning onto Collins Street. Also, because of general wear and new government regulations covering handicapped accessibility standards, the building will cost a few hundred thousand dollars to rehabilitate.

To its owners, leveling the structure was the best option.

But once local officials learned of its fate, the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission moved swiftly to attain the landmark

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status. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991, but because federal money had not been used at any time to renovate it, the tag offered little protection.

"To demolish it would be kind of ludicrous," Baker said. "Joliet is really a steel town. It is a monument to the people who worked there."

Ohm, the plant general manager, said Birmingham Steel is re-evaluating its plans.

One option would be to sell it to a tenant to use as offices. Fisher said that plan would be ideal, considering the commercial revival on Collins Street has made affordable office space on the eastside a premium.

A deal was close that would have put a tenant in the building, but Birmingham Steel was not interested.

"It became a giveaway project," Ohm said. "We have no desire to give away that building."

With some past futile fights to save older buildings in Joliet still fresh in mind, city officials did not want to lose 927 Collins St.

"We are not historic preservation nuts," Fisher said. "We are pretty pragmatic, common-sense type people when it comes preservation. Obviously this is one that has to be preserved."

Cronin, after glancing across the street from his bar-room perch, had his own idea.

"That would make a beautiful museum about the canal and the history of steel in Joliet," he said. "It is just a great old building."

A HISTORY OF THE

BIRSA * OBERSTAR * URSICH FAMILIES

Descended from

ANTON BIRSA (1826 - 1902)

Born Cerz, Molansi, Austria
Resided in Malovse, Austria

and

JOSEFA CIGOJ BIRSA (18__ - 1874)

BIRSA-URSICH-OBERSTAR FAMILY

Descended from
Anton Birsa - Josefa Cigoj
(1826 – 1902) - (18__ - 1874)

Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa **Anton Oberstar**
(1868-1928) **(1870-1945)**
Aloyzia's father, **Anton Birsa (1826 – 1902)**
holding **Mary[3] Oberstar (b. 1893)**

BIRSA-URSICH-OBERSTAR FAMILY

Descended from

Anton Birsa - Josefa Cigoj
(1826 – 1902) - (18__ - 1874)

1 **ANTON[1] BIRSA** was born in April 1826, in the town of Cerz, county of Molansi, Austria[a] and died in 1902 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois.* He was married to JOSEFA CIGOJ (? - d. 1874, Austria). They resided in Malovse, Austria, where all of their children were born. They had eight children, several of whom died before the age of two. All of the children were baptized in the main church in Cernece.

In Austria when the children were small, Anton used to be a traveling salesman. In the winter time he worked around the home and made different objects out of wood (toys, bowls, spoons; some bowls were made of clay and fired on the open fire). Then, he would be gone all summer to different villages selling his wares.

While Anton and Josefa were raising their family, Anton came to America three times. However, he never made enough money to bring his family to America. The last time he returned to Austria, his wife, Josefa, died (1874). Anton went to Trieste, Italy (a part of Austria prior to World War I) to work after his wife died. Each of the Birsa children went to homes that would take them. Anton arrived in the United States in April 1890[a] It is said that he was accompanied by his daughter Aloyzia (Louise) Birsa . His daughter, Amalija Birsa, came to her sister Louise one year later (1891?). His son, Benedict ,came to America shortly after Amalija. Anton received his citizenship papers 3 November 1896.[b] In America, Anton would sell novelties (needles, pins, thimbles, combs, etc.) which he carried in a wooden box.

Anton died in 1902 and is buried at Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois. Louise Birsa Oberstar always told her daughter, Frances Oberstar Kerkoc, that if grandpa had lived for 15 more years he would have been 100 years old. So it was thought that Anton was 85 years old at the time of his death, placing his birth in 1817. However, documents now show this statement to be in error, for his birth year was 1826[a] and Anton was about 76 years old.

Angela Ursich Setina, daughter of Amalija Birsa, recalls her grandfather, Anton Birsa. "I remember my mother getting me and my brother and sisters all nice and clean and waiting on the corner of Jefferson and Hickory Streets for my grandfather to come down Hickory Street to visit. Many times he came to visit us at our home on Hickory Street, with a basket on his arm, bringing us gifts of fruit."

11 Amalija Birsa Ursich*	b. 05 April, 1862	d. 15 December 1956
12 Benedict Birsa*	b. 19 September 1863	d. 29 January 1947
13 Micka (Mary) Birsa	(never married - died during WWI)	
14 Josephine Birsa	b.	d. (in infancy)
15 Aloyzia (Louise) Birsa Oberstar*	b. 04 July 1868	d. 19 October, 1928

* These children immigrated to the United States

References:

a. Intention to become a citizen, document in Book C, Page 618, on file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Will County, Illinois, signed and dated 24 October 1893.

b. Final Certificate of Naturalization, Anton Birsa, 3 November 1896, Joliet, Will County, Illinois

Interviews with Angela Ursich Setina

*On the back of the Oberstar (Anton and Aloysia Birsa Oberstar) monument in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois are two names and dates as follows:
Anton Maver, 1848-1897; Anton Bersa 18__ - 1902.
[Note: Marija Maver Oberstar (1843-1907) was the mother of Anton Oberstar. This Anton Maver was most likely Marija's brother.]

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
WILL COUNTY, } *ss.*

I, Anton Birsa

do solemnly declare on oath before the County Court of the County of Will, State of Illinois, the same being a Court of Record having common law jurisdiction, a seal and a clerk, that I was born on the —— *day of* April *1846, in the town of* Cerz *county of* Molauci *Austria and arrived in the United States on the* —— *day of* April *1890, that it is* **bona fide** *my intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to* The Emperor of Austria *whereof I was heretofore a citizen or subject.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th *day of* October *A. D. 1893*

Henry H. Stassen
Clerk.

Anton Birsa

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UNITED STATES

Of America.

State of Illinois,

County of Will } SS.

In the Matter of the Naturalization of Antonio Cuesa an Alien

Be It Remembered, That on the 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety four personally appeared before the Honorable Albert O Marshall Presiding Judge of the County Court of the County of Will and State aforesaid (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common-law jurisdiction, a seal and a Clerk), and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business at the Court House, in Joliet in the County aforesaid, Antonio Cuesa an alien, above the age of Twenty-one Years, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject; and the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration of his Intention to become a Citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied, as well from the oath of the said applicant as from the testimony of Joseph Stuckel and John Zupancich who are known to be competent witnesses, that the said applicant has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois, and that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and appeared to be attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well-being and happiness of the same; and two years and upward having elapsed since the said applicant reported himself and filed his Declaration of his intention as aforesaid, **It was Ordered** that the said applicant be permitted to take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatever, and more particularly all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to the Sovereign of Austria whereof he was heretofore a citizen or subject, which said oath having been administered to the said applicant by the Clerk of said Court, **It was Ordered by the Court** that the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of the Court, under the seal of said Court accordingly.

ATTEST: Wm. F. Matchinson Clerk.

742. Final Certificate of Naturalization.—R. 1887.—P. F. Pettibone & Co., Law and Public Office Stationers, 48 & 50 Jackson Street, Chicago.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF WILL, SS.

Be it Remembered, That on the third day of November in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Six personally appeared before the Honorable Albert O. Marshall Presiding Judge of the COUNTY Court of the County of WILL and State aforesaid (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a Seal and a Clerk), and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business at the Court House, in JOLIET, in the County aforesaid,

Antonio Bissa

an alien, above the age of Twenty-one Years, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject; and the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration of his Intention to become a Citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied as well from the oath of the said applicant as from the testimony of Joseph Stuckel and

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whereof he was heretofore a citizen or subject, which said oath having been administered to the said applicant by the Clerk of said Court, **It was Ordered by the Court** that the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court, under the seal of said Court accordingly.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF WILL, } ss.

I, WM. F. HUTCHINSON, Clerk of the COUNTY Court of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Records of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Seal of the said Court is hereto affixed, at the Clerk's Office in JOLIET, this 3rd day of November A. D. 1896, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 21st

Wm F. Hutchinson Clerk.

By Deputy

P. F. Pettibone & Co., Chicago.

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Amalija[2] Birsa Ursich - Michael Ursich
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Married June 22 1891
With their firstborn, Joseph E. Ursich, born 12 December 1892

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Amalija Birsa – Michael Ursich

Married 22 June 1892
Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Illinois

The Ursich home at 115 Indiana Street, Joliet Illinois was sold and torn down in 1944.

"The home was a creamy tan color called "buff" with green shutters" granddaughter Dorothy Setina Scholtes

PART I

Amalija [2] Birsa – Michael Ursich Family

Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

11 **AMALIJA[2] BIRSA URSICH** (Anton[1]) was born about 1862 in Malovse, Volcjejania, Austria and died 13 December 1956 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois at the age of 94 years. She is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois. She was baptized in the main church in Cernece. She was married 22 June 1891 in Joliet, Illinois to MICHAEL URSICH[a], born 04 January 1870 in the village of Krka, near the town of Sticna, region of Dolenjska , Slovenia, Austria[b] and died 29 June 1944 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, the son of Matija (Matthew) Ursic and Marija Godec. Michael was the brother of Anton, Frank and Mary Ursich. Amalija Birsa lost her mother at the age of 12 (1874). She never went to school. After her mother died it was her responsibility to remain home to care for the family cow. When it was necessary for her to go to work, the parish priest, Father Tavcak, took her in. She worked in the parish house, helping the housekeeper with cooking and cleaning.

Amalija came to America to her brother-in-law, Anton Oberstar, who sent her the passage to the United States. She resided with her sister, Louise Ursich Oberstar and her husband, Anton Oberstar on Granite Street (between Center and Broadway) in Joliet, Illinois. Michael Ursich was also boarding with the Oberstars. Michael and Amalija were married 22 June 1891 at Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Illinois by the Reverend Francis Sustersic[a].

Michael owned his first home at 11 South Hickory Street in Joliet, and took a loan from the Westphal Bank on Bluff Street. Daughters Angela (04 September 1898), Ann (22 February 1900) and Mary (09 July 1902) were born there. This house still stands across the street from the Joliet Catholic High School building. Then, in 1904, Michael Ursich bought property at 115 Indiana Street for $900. The street number was later changed to 421 Indiana Street. In February 1944, Michael and Amalija agreed to sell the Indiana Street property to the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois[d], which was acquiring properties on which to build. They received a check in the amount of $5,926.88 for the property. Michael Ursich died June 29, 1944. In October, the family home was taken down. Michael and Amalija also owned property at 105 Cora Street in Joliet and on Belleview Avenue in Rockdale, IL. The Cora Street property was sold in November 1947.

Amalija was one of the parish founders of Saint Joseph Church in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She is also listed as one of the pioneers of Saint Joseph Church[c]. She was a member of the Holy Rosary Confraternity of the parish[f]. Amalija also helped organize the Altar and Rosary Society of Saint Joseph's Church and the Saint Anne's Court No. 534, W.C.O.F[g]. She was also a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, having joined the group 71 years before her death, and before she moved to Joliet[g].

In 1950, Amalija became a resident patient at Saint Joseph's Hospital on Broadway Street[g]. At that time, the hospital was accepting older patients as residents, similar to a nursing home. Amalija had a stroke 1 1/2 years before she died. At the time of her death, she was one of the oldest living members of Saint Joseph's Church[g].

"Amalija never knew when her birthday was, so her children always celebrated her birthday on April 5. She was always energetic and friendly. Every year she would raise a pig so the family would have fresh meat, sausage and lard, and to save money and help meet the expenses of her son's (Dr. Joseph E. Ursich) education. Amalija was one of the organizers of the Altar and Rosary Society at Saint Joseph's Church. She and her husband, Michael Ursich, were godparents to many of the Oberstar children and some of the Joseph Raker children," recalled Amalija's daughter, Angela Ursich Setina.

111	Francis[3] **URSICH**	died in infancy
112	Michael Ursich	died in infancy
113	Joseph[3] Ursich	b. 12 December 1894
114	Amelia Ursich Kostelc	b. 06 September 1896
115	Angela Ursich Setina	b. 04 September 1898
116	Ann (Sr. Engratia)	b. 22 February 1900
117	Mary Ursich Zeleznikar	b. 09 July 1902
118	Dorothy (Sr. Walburga)	b. 24 November 1905

References for Amalija Birsa Ursich:

a Marriage Certificate, State of Illinois, County of Will: Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa, 22 June 1891

b Michael Ursich, Certificate of Birth and Baptism, village of Krka, book X, #1, dated 13 November 1912

c History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941, photograph page 24 and photograph page 79.

d Indenture dated 02 February 1944

f History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941; photograph page 120.

g Joliet **Herald News**, Obituary, December 14, 1956

Also, oral history given by Angela Ursich Setina to her granddaughter, Jean Scholtes Zielinski about 1980.

Marriage Certificate

County of Will.

This Certifies

That Mr. Michael Ursich of Joliet in the State of Illinois
and Miss Amalija Birsor of Joliet in the State of Illinois
were at Joliet in said County by me joined together in

HOLY MATRIMONY

According to the Ordinance of GOD and the Laws of the State of Illinois
on the 22 of June in the year of
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety one

IN PRESENCE OF

Anton Oberstar
Marija Oberstar

OUR LORD

T. V. Austerovic, Pastor
catholic priest

Illinois Printing Co. Chicago, Ill.

 TRANSLATION: Birth Certificate of Michael Ursich (4 January 1870 – 29 June 1944)

Duchy of Carniola
Number 178

Diocese of Ljubljana

Birth and baptismal record

From birth and baptismal book of the parish in the *village of Krski*

Volume X Page -- number 1

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KRONE
januarja

Year, Month, Day	Birth	1/4 / 1870/one thousand eight Hundred and seventy 1,4
	Baptism	1870 4. January
Place of birth (street), house number		Gabrovec, house number 10
Name of Child		Mihael,
Legitimate, illegitimate, Son, daughter		Legitimate son
Birth & family name Status and religion	Father	Matija Ursic, ¼ countryman, roman catholic
	Mother	Marija Godec, roman catholic
Birth and family name, Status and religion of Godparents		Anton Toderzaj, ½ countryman Marija Poljanc, ½ countryman
Officiating:		Peter Rezek, _____?

In witness to the authenticity of the signature below and official stamp.

Parish office *in the village Krski, 13. November, 1912.*

Tax

Župni urad na KRKI

Franc Pešec
Pastor

The official stamp states: Parish on the Krka

Štev. 178
Num.

Rojstni in krstni list. — Testimonium nativitatis et baptismi.

Iz rojstne in krstne knjige župnije (duhovnije) na Krki
Extractus e libro natorum et baptizatorum parochiae

Zvezek X stran — štev. 1
Tomus pagina numerus

Leto, mesec in dan Annus, mensis, dies	rojstva nativitatis	4/1 1870 / en tisoč osem sto in sedemdesetega / 4. januvarja
	krsta baptismi	1870, 4. januvarja
Kraj rojstva (ulica) h. št. Locus nativitatis		Gabrovčec, h. št. 10
Ime otrokovo Nomen infantis		Mihael,
Zakonski, nezakonski, sin, hči — Legitimus, illegitimus, filius, filia		zakonski sin,
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan in vera Nomen, cognomen, conditio, religio	očeta patris	Matija Ursič, 1/4 zemljak, rim. kat.
	matere matris	Marija Godec, rim. kat.
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan botrov Patrini		Anton Podržaj, 1/2 zemljak.
		Marija Poljanc, 1/2 zemlj.
Krstitelj — Baptizans		Peter Režek, kop. - l. r.

V dokaz resničnosti lastnoročni podpis in uradni pečat.
In quorum fidem subscriptio manu propria et sigillum officii.

Župni urad
Ex officio parochiali

na Krki, 13. novembra 1912.

Kolek in taksa 2 K 10 v.
Bol. sum taxa

Župni urad na Krki

Franc Pešec
župnik

Katoliška Bukvarna. Št. 19.

813 09

Michael Ursich, husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich: Certificate of Birth and Baptism
Village of Krka, book X, #1, dated 13 November 1912

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742. Final Certificate of Naturalization.—R. 1887.—P. F. Pettibone & Co., Law and Public Office Stationers, 48 & 50 Jackson Street, Chicago.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF WILL, ss.

Be it Remembered, That on the 22nd day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Four personally appeared before the Honorable Benjamin Olin Presiding Judge of the County Court of the County of Will, and State aforesaid, (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a Seal and a Clerk), and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business at the Court House, in Joliet, in the County aforesaid

Michael Vasich

an alien, above the age of Twenty-one Years, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject; and the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied, as well from the oath of said applicant as from the testimony of Joseph Stukel and Michael Kravl who are known to be competent witnesses, that the said applicant has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois, and that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and appeared to be attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well-being and happiness of the same; and two years and upward having elapsed since the said applicant reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention as aforesaid, **It was ordered,** That the said applicant be permitted to take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatever, and more particularly all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to the Sovereign of Austria whereof he was heretofore a citizen or subject, which said oath having been administered to the said applicant by the Clerk of said Court, **It was ordered by the Court,** that the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court, under the seal of said Court accordingly.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF WILL. }

I, Henry K. Staveen Clerk of the County Court of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Records of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Seal of said Court is hereto affixed, at the Clerk's Office in Joliet, this 22nd day of October A. D. 1894, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 19th

Henry K. Staveen *Clerk.*

By *Deputy.*

UNITED STATES

Of America.

State of Illinois,

County of Will } SS.

In the Matter of the Naturalization of Michael Ursich an Alien

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ATTEST: Henry H. Stassen Clerk.

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Circa 1910 - Back: Amelia, Joseph, Angela
Front: Ann, Michael Ursich, Dorothy, Amalija Birsa Ursich, Mary

ANN ANGELA JOSEPH MOLLY MARY
AMALIJA BIRSA MICHAEL URSICH DOROTHY

Photos taken just prior to WW1

Michael Ursich
At the American Steel and Wire Company
Circa 1910

(2nd row from front, 7th man)

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Amalija Birsa Ursich

With her pig
at her home on 115 Indiana Street, Joliet, Illinois

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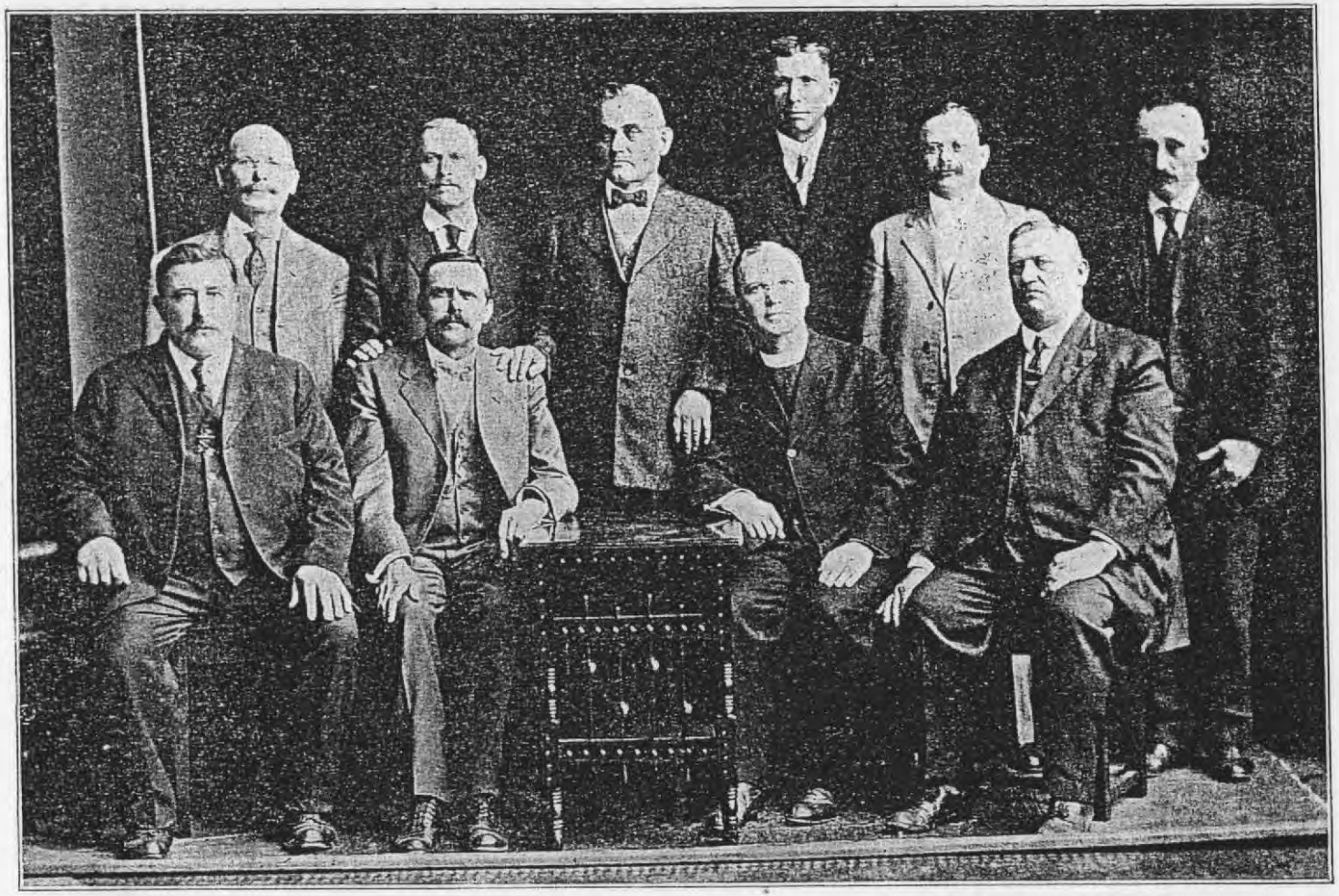
Birsa Sisters:
Amalija Birsa Ursich
Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar

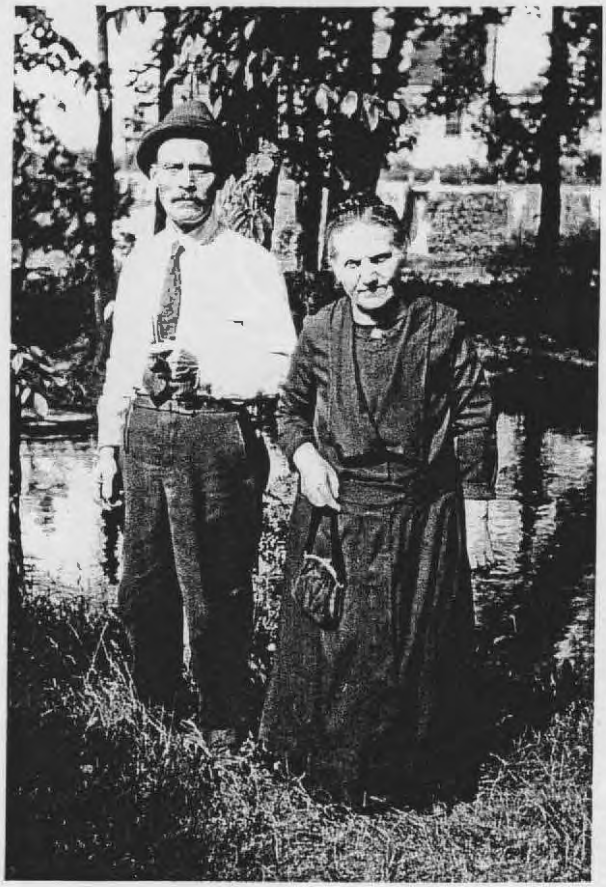
at the Oberstar home
on 105 Cora Street, Joliet, Illinois



CERKVENI ODBOR ZA LETO 1916. — Stoječi od leve na desno: Jožef Muhič, Mihael Uršič, Anton Golobič, Jožef Erjavec, Geo. Stonič in Anton Glavan. Sedeči: John Filak, John Grahek, Rev. J. Plevnik in Ant. Nemanič.

Michael Ursich (standing, second from left) The caption reads: The Church Council for the year 1916

Source: Spominska knjiga, Zupnija sv. Jozefa v Jolietu, Ill 1891-1916
-ob- Srebrnem Jubileju Praznovanem dne 22 Octobra 1919, page 32
"25th Anniversary booklet, Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, Illinois
at the Silver Jubilee celebrated on 22 October 1916"



Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa Ursich
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

photo taken about 1924
[note resemblance of Michael Ursich to photos of Tony Ursich. Were they brothers?]

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50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
June 22, 1891 - June 22, 1941

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In front of the Ursich home at 115 Indiana Street, Joliet, Illinois

50th Wedding Anniversay July 22, 1941

Back row:

Dorothy Ursich (Sr. Walburga)	Benedict Birsa	Molly Ursich Kostelz	Joseph Ursich	John Kostelz	Michael Ursich	Amelia Birsa Urich	Genevieve Setina (partly hidden)	Beatrice Setina	Mary Ursich Zeleznikar	Angela Ursich Setina

Front along fence:

Joan Setina	Richard & Louis Zeleznikar	Marianne Kostelz	Ann Ursich (Sr. Engratia)	Michael Setina Jr.	Dorothy Setina	Michael Setina

Agreement between Michael and Amalija (Birsa) Ursich and Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, giving Public Service Company of Northern Illinois the right to purchase their home at 115 Indiana Street in Joliet, Will County, Illinois dated 02 February 1944.

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That MICHAEL URSICH AT AMELIA URSICH of 115 INDIANA AVE, JOLIET, ILL, for and in consideration of the sum of FIVE($5.00) Dollars to THEM, in hand paid by the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give and grant to said Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, its successors or assigns, the exclusive right and privilege to purchase the following described real estate, situate in the County of WILL and State of Illinois, to-wit:

The North half (N1/2) of lot 1, Block 41 in the original town of Joliet, Illinois, said addition being known as North Joliet.

option cancelled Don Cash 1-19-44 R.M.T.

All in Township ____ North, Range ____ East of the Third Principal Meridian, at and for the price of Six thousand Dollars ($6000.00) per ~~acre~~ lot ~~block tract parcel~~. Upon full payment of said purchase price, grantor agree to convey, by merchantable title in fee simple, said premises to said purchaser, free and clear of all liens and incumbrances, except as to taxes and special assessments levied or assessed on said real estate subsequent to DATE OF PURCHASE A.D. ~~193~~ , with release of dower, inchoate or otherwise, and homestead estate, by good and sufficient warranty deed. ~~Grantor hereby agree to furnish a complete merchantable abstract or merchantable title Guarantee Policy or Torrens Certificate of title brought down to date covering said property~~.

It is understood that the consideration of $FIVE($5.00) herein specified shall constitute a part of the purchase price of said premises if the rights herein granted are exercised by the grantee. It is further understood that during the existence of said privilege of purchase this instrument shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of the grantors herein. Public Service Company of Northern Illinois hereby agrees to bring abstract down to date at their expense

This option shall constitute a contract between the parties herein specified if accepted in writing on or before SIXTY (60) days from the date hereof, and shall be null and void unless accepted in writing within time above specified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WE have hereunto set OUR hands and seals this 2nd day of February, A.D. 1944.

x Michael Ursich (SEAL)

x Amelia (her mark) Ursich (SEAL)

(SEAL)

Witnesses to mark:
Gr. a Steiner
Orville E. Jensen

WITNESS:
Gr. a. Steiner

Received 4/1/1944
P.S.Co. check #C-70620 - 3/30/1944
payable to Michael Urshich & Amalia Urshich
in the amount #5,926.28

Documents relating to their property owned at 807 Cora Street, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

COUNTY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
CHARLES LAUTH
COUNTY OF WILL—STATE OF ILLINOIS
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

TAXPAYER'S COPY — First Installment
REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENT FOR
Town of Joliet
1946

UNTIL JUNE 1st THIS BILL PAYABLE TO
E. LOUIS CORDANO
JOLIET TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR
c/o COURT HOUSE
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

First installment due now. Delinquent June 1, 1947. 1% penalty per month or fraction of month added for delinquency after June 1, 1947.

VALUATION	
ASSESSED	EQUALIZED
530	2790

BRING THIS STATEMENT IF YOU PAY IN PERSON OR ENCLOSE THIS STATEMENT IF YOU PAY BY MAIL.

"SOLD" OR "FORFEITURE" STAMPED BELOW DENOTES PREVIOUS UNPAID TAX. FOR REDEMPTION SEE COUNTY CLERK.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Tax rates applicable to this property are enclosed herewith.
Costs of 22c on each part of a lot and 32c on each tract of land will be added when advertised after September 1, 1947.
This property will be sold for unpaid taxes the second Monday in October, 1947, after which a penalty of 12% will be added.
Make remittances by certified check, money order or draft.
If you wish receipts returned, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope.

RECEIPT NO.	DATE	AMOUNT PAID
PD 99625	MAY 20 47	22.12

Not a valid receipt of Town or County Collector unless stamped paid by cash receipting machine. Statements receipted previous to June 1st paid to Town Collector only.

E. LOUIS CORDANO
Town Collector

CHARLES LAUTH
County Collector

C-962 AMELIA URSICH,
807 CORA ST.,
JOLIET, ILL.,

A.DOTY'S SUB.S.½ S.½ SEC.4-35-10,
L.E.ROSS SUB.LOT 15
S.16 FT.SUB LOT 5
& N.27 FT.

SUB-LOT	LOT	BLOCK		DOLLARS	CENTS
			FIRST HALF 1946 TAX	22	12
			INTEREST		
8			TOTAL		

RECEIPT Date Nov. 15 19 47 **No 76482**

Received From Amelia Ursich

Address

Two Hundred Seventy-two and 50/100 Dollars ($272.50)

For Commission on Sale of Property at 807 Cora Street

How Paid	Balance Due	
		By Kahn & Brown J.T.

FORM NO. 156

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey
ORGANIZED 1855

JOHN R. COONEY, PRESIDENT
WM. B. REARDEN, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
H. A. CLARK, VICE-PRESIDENT
LLOYD W. BROWN, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT
BERNARD ALABACK, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT
O. B. BROWN, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT
H. J. JEFFERY, SECRETARY

KAHN & BROWN AGENCY
TELEPHONE 2-2189
3 NORTH OTTAWA STREET
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

November 15, 1947

URSICH STATEMENT

807 Cora Street

Selling Price		$5450.00
Kahn & Brown Commission	$ 272.50	
Revenue Stamps	6.05	
1947 Taxes Prorated	38.75	
Total Deductions	$ 317.30	
Balance Due Ursich	5132.70	
	$5450.00	

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY

_____

_____

Ursich 1 5 45
227.50
Regular Mortgage 4911.25
#5144.20

305.80
#5450.00

Expenses...
Commission 272.50
Taxes 33.30

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
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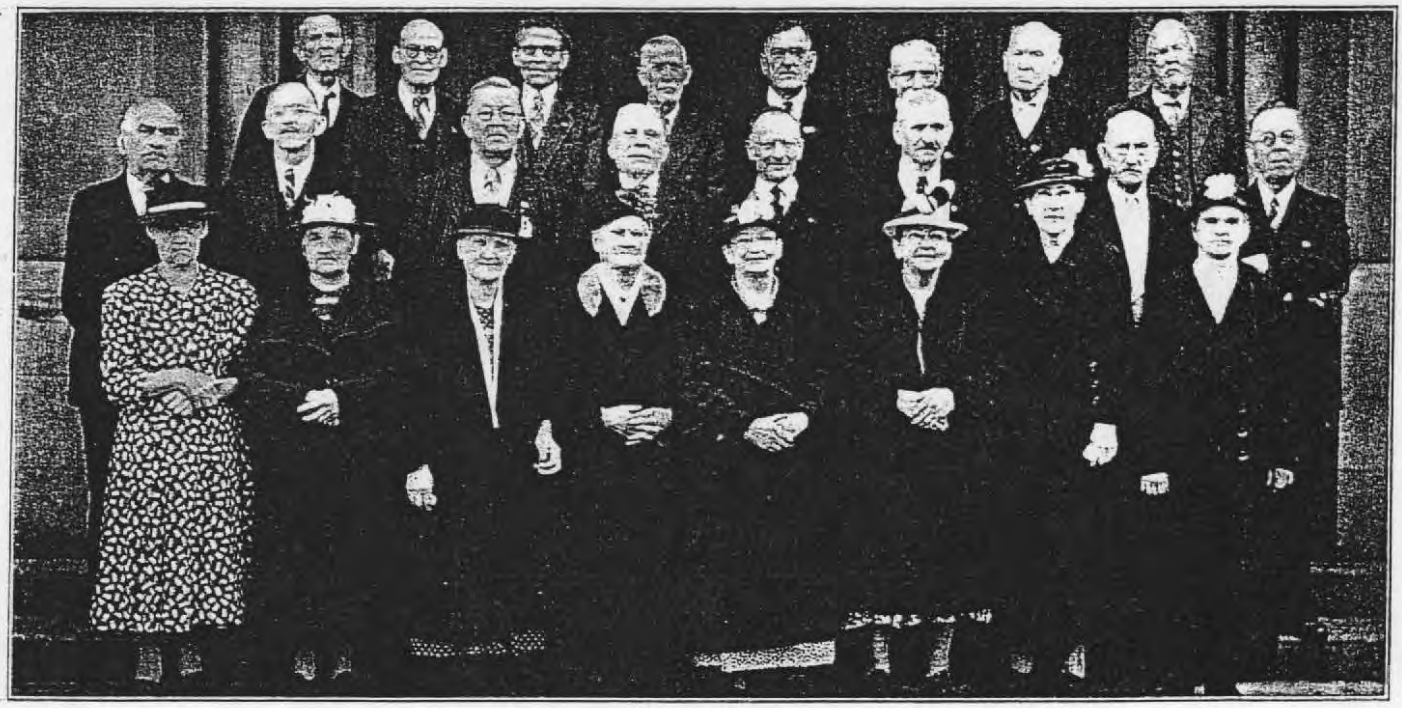
Amalija Birsa Ursich and Michael Ursich are named among the Parish founders of Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, Illinois.

Ustanovitelji župnije — The Parish Founders



Prva vrsta: K. Vertin, M. Bradeska, A. Ursich, A. Slobodnik, A Bozek, A. Marentich, M. Panian, A Mutz.
Druga vrsta: A. Korovec, F. Russ, A. Kocjancich, M. Kolich, J. Mutz, F. Korevec, M. Bradeska, J. Shelko.
Tretja vrsta: L. Planinc, M. Ursich, M. Buchar, A. Kolman, J. Klemencich, M. Zoran, J. Muhich, J. Jerman.

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Amalija Birsa Ursich and Michael Ursich
Pioneers of Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, Illinois.

PIONEERS — STARI FARANI

First row: M. Shelko, K. Wedic, M. Bradeska, A. Ursich, A. Bezek, A. Korevec, R. Russ, M. Gaspich, A. Stukel, M. Fabian, F. Avsec, A. Bozich, M. Gregorash.
Second row: K. Vertin, M. Pasdertz, A. Buchar, A. Sternisha, A. Slobodnik, A. Marentich, M. Panian, A. Mutz, M. Skul, A. Buchar, M. Gregorash, K. Kuzma, N. Russ, B. Pruss.
Third row: J. Russ, A. Lilek, F. Russ, A. Kocjancich, M. Kolich, J. Mutz, F Korevec, M. Bradeska, J. Shelko, J. Sustersich, J. Petric, L. Sternisha.
Fourth row: A. Korevec, L. Planine, M. Ursich, M. Buchar, A. Ko'man, J. Klemencich, M. Zoran, J. Muhich, J. Jerman.

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Amalija Birsa Ursich
Member of Holy Rosary Confraternity, Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, Illinois.

HOLY ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

BRATOVSCINA SV. ROŽNEGA VENCA

First row: K. Jursinich, T. Lilek, M. Panian, A. Struna, J. Tezak, A. Pluth, M. Golobitsh, M. Cohill, M. Dolinshek, M. Ambrozich, K. Zupancich, R. Gregorash, K. Suhadolc, J. Horvat.

Second row: M. Moskric, B. Ancel, J. Požeš, M. Horvat, A. Bezek, A. Slobodnik, A. Sternisha, A. Korevec, A. Ursich, R. Russ, M. Terlep, M. Gaspich, K. Wedic, A. Bozich, M. Fabian, F. Avsec, K. Kuzma, B. Pruss.

Third row: J. Judnich, B. Gregorash, M. Pasdertz, J. Krall, A. Marentich, J. Muster, M. Skul, A. Stukel, M Gregorash, K. Dragovan, P. Russ.

Fourth row: R. Horvatin, M. Vlasich, M. Klepec, T. Pasich, F. Ancel, A. Mutz, M Zivec, A. Buchar, T. Koleto, M. Puncar, B. Vranesich.

Fifth row: A. Novljan, A. Sheiko, K Vertin, M Lesnik, J. Hochevar, M. Papesh, J. Verdnik.

From: History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941, photograph page 120.

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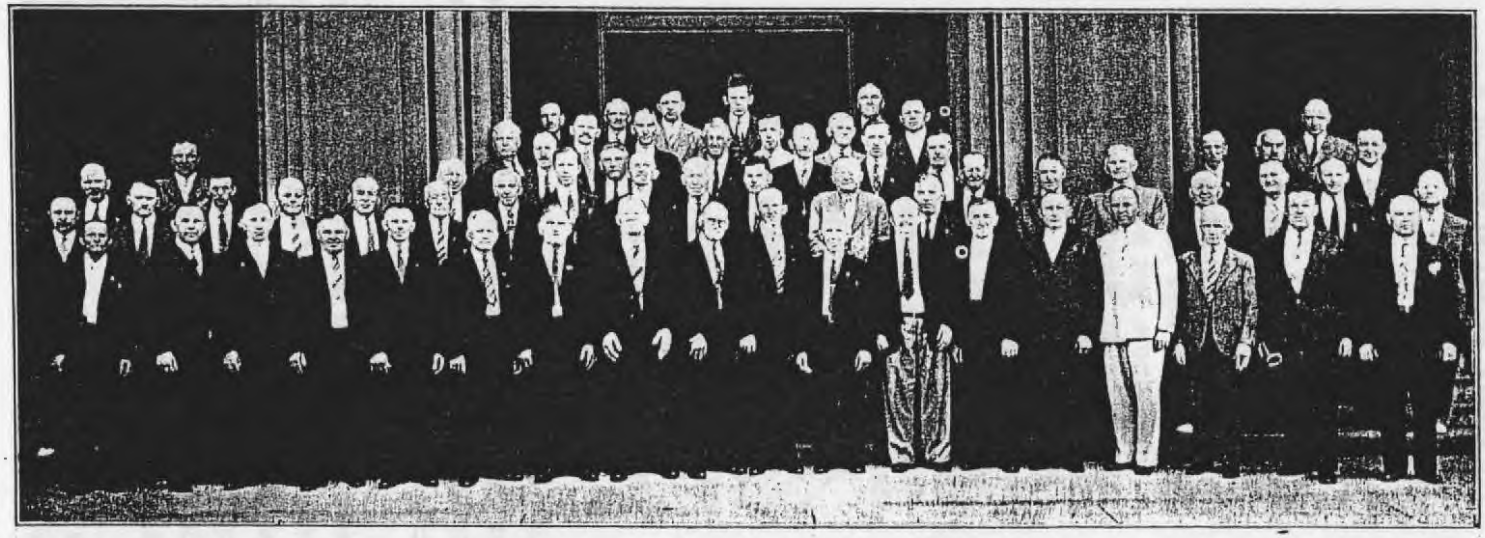
Michael Ursich (First row, ninth position)
Louis Zeleznikar, husband of Mary[3] Ursich (First row, second position)
Members of Men's Holy Name Society of Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, Illinois.

MEN'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY — MOSKO DRUSTVO PRESV. IMENA



First row: J. Barbic, L. Zeleznikar, J. Rifel, J. Umek, J. Ancel, M. Koshir, J. Klemencich, A. Kozjancich, M. Ursich, F. Zelko, M. Hochevar, G. Stonich, J. Rozich, J. Wolf, F. Wedic, J. Vidmar, F. Pire, J. Suhadolc.
Second row: J. Kostelec, M. Kramarich, M. Smrekar, J. Russ, F. Gerdesich, J. Rakar, P Ancel, J. Horvatin, F. Russ, J. Muhich, V. Ambrose, N. Vranichar, J. Dragovan, F. Gregorich, F. Terlep, J. Stubler, A. Strmec, P. Vidmar, M. Frankovich, Fr. Terlep.
Third row: F. Laurich, F. Struna, L. Sternisha, J. Slapnicar, J. Grabrian, J. Vershay, J. Horvat, J. Ambrozich, A. Jursinovich, C. Flajnik, A. Korevec, F. Kren.
Fourth row: F. Russ, A. Skoff, M. Vranesich, E. Gale, F. Bostjancich, A. Horvatin, J. Buchar.
Fifth row: A. Plut, J. Plut, A. Smrekar, J. Vershay, J. Zlogar.

From: History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941, photograph page 126.

Iz Jolieta, Ill., smo prejeli žalostno vest, da je v četrtek, 29. junija zvečer v bolnišnici sv. Jožefa po kratki bolezni v Gospodu zaspal slovenski pionir Mr. Michael Ursich.

Pokojni Mr. Ursich je bil rodom iz Krke na Dolenjskem, kjer se je rodil 6. januarja, 1870. V Ameriko je dospel leta 1890. Pokojni zapušča žalujočo soprogo Amalio, sina Josepha, vrhovnega zdravnika K. S. K. Jednote, pet hčera in sicer: Sister M. Engrantis OSF, Sister M. Walburga OSF, obe redovnici reda sv. Frančiška; Mary, poročena Železnikar (soproga pomožnega tajnika naše KSKJ); Angela, poročena Šetina in Amalia, poročena Kostelc.

Pogreb pokojnega se je vršil v pondeljek, 3. julija ob deveti uri zjutraj iz cerkve sv. Jožefa in položen k večnemu počitku na farno pokopališče.

Več o pokojniku sledi v prihodnji izdaji Glasila.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." St. Mat. V. 5.

Pray for the Repose of the soul of

MICHAEL URSICH

Born January 6, 1870
Died June 29, 1944

"My Jesus mercy." (100 days indulgence.)
"Sweet Heart of Mary, be my Salvation". (300 days ind.)
Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

Avsec Bros., Joliet, Ill.

Joliet, Ill.

From Joliet, Ill, we received sad news, that on Thursday, 29. June in the evening at the hospital of St. Joseph after a short illness, slovenian pioneer Mr. Michael Ursich fell asleep in the Lord.

Deceased mr. Ursich was from the generation from Krka in Dolenjska, where he was born 6. January, 1870. He arrived in America in the year 1890. The deceased leaves surviving spouse Amalia, son Joseph, the head medical consultant of KSKJ, five daughters, namely: Sister M. Engrantis OSF, Sister M. Walburga OSF, both of the Order of St. Francis; Mary Zeleznikar (wife of assistant secretary of our KSKJ); Angela Setina and Amalia Kostelc.

The funeral of the deceased commenced on Monday, 3. July at nine o'clock in the morning from the church of St. Joseph and laid to eternal rest on the parish cemetery.

More about the deceased follows in the coming issue of the Glasilo.

Obituary: Michael Ursich (1870 - 1944), husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich

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DOPISI

V SPOMIN POKOJNEMU MICHAELU URSICHU

Joliet, Ill. — Dasi je bilo v Glasilu že na kratko poročano o smrti pokojnega Mr. Michael Ursicha, pa vendar bi ne bilo prav, da bi se temu vrlemu pokojniku ne posvetilo malo več prostora, ki ga po vsej pravici zasluži.

Pokojni Mr. Michael Ursich se je rodil 6. januarja, 1870 na Krki pri Stični na Dolenjskem, odkoder je dospel v Ameriko pred 54 leti v Cleveland, O., kjer je živel par let, nakar se je za stalno preselil v Joliet, Ill.

Takoj po prihodu v to deželo, se je poprijel trdega dela, kakor vsak tedanji naseljenec. Službo je dobil v tovarni za izdelovanje žice, kjer je delal polnih 45 let. Za njegovo stanovitno dolgo dobo trdega dela, je bil od družbe United States Steel & Wire Co. celo odlikovan s kolajno, kar je zelo redek slučaj. Kljub napornemu delu v svojem življenju, je pokojni dosegel lepo starost 74 let.

Pokojni Mr. Michael Ursich je bil vse svoje življenje vzor značajnega katoliškega moža in očeta. V svojem življenju ni nikdar strmel po kaki pohlepnosti javnega priznanja, dasi ga je bil večkrat upravičen, saj ima za seboj mnogo vrlih dobrih del, ker ni nikdar obstal pred pragom, kadar je šlo za kako koristno stvar.

Pokojnik je bil eden izmed glavnih ustanoviteljev fare sv. Jožefa in dolgo vrsto let tudi cerkveni odbornik, ki je vsa leta tudi zvesto sodeloval za prospeh tukajšne fare. Bil je tudi ustanovitelj in prvi tajnik cerkvenega društva Najsvetejšega Imena fare sv. Jožefa. Tako je bil tudi soustanovnik in dolgoletni agilni tajnik društva sv. Jožefa, št. 2 KSKJ in kot tak se je vedno veselil velikega razvoja KSKJ.

Po svoji zmožnosti je pokojnik vedno rad podpiral katoliške in narodu koristne ustanove. Bil je vedno darežljiv in je vsikdar rad pomagal svojemu

Dne 22. junija, 1941 sta pokojnik in njegova soproga obhajala v krogu svojih ljubečih otrok 50-letnico srečnega zakonskega življenja. Na svoje otroke je bil vedno ponosen, saj jih je vzgojil kakor jih zamore le oče s trdnim katoliškim prepričanjem. Kljub temu, da je bil priprost delavec, ki se je boril za obstanek svojega življenja s trdim vsakdanjim zaslužkom, je pa vedno tudi skrbel, da bodo otroci vzgojeni in naobraženi tako, da mu bodo v resnici v radost in ponos na njegova starejša leta.

Kakor že omenjeno, zapušča pokojni žalujočo soprogo Amalijo, enega sina in pet hčera. Sin, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich je dospel do častnega poklica zdravnika, ki ordinira v Chicagu že 24 let in je sedaj vrhovni zdravnik KSKJ. Dve hčerki sta se poslovile od posvetnega življenja in obe služita Bogu in narodu. Sister M. Engratos OSSF, je učiteljica v šoli sv. Jožefa v Jolietu, Ill., Sister M. Walburga OSF, poučuje v St. Mary's višji šoli v Columbusu, O. Hči Mary, poročena Louis Železnikar, je bila mestna učiteljica v Chicagu, Ill. Poleg navedenih žalujeta tudi hčeri Angela, poročena Setina in Amalia, poročena Kostelc.

Pogreb pokojnega se je vršil v pondeljek, 3. julija iz cerkve sv. Jožefa in je bil položen k večnemu počitku na farno pokopališče. Pri pogrebu je bila velika udeležba sočustvenikov vseh stanov, ki se je izkazalo, kako globoko je bil pokojnik spoštovan.

Pogrebne cerkvene obrede je izvršil č. g. Rev. M. J. Butala, župnik, ob asistenci Rev. Geo. Kuzma in Rev. M. Železnikarja; sv. maši pa sta stregla vnuka pokojnega, Louis in Richard Železnikar. Na pogreb je dospel tudi č. g. Father Prost, župnik St. Mary's župnije, Rock Island, Ill., ki je istočasno tudi daroval sv. mašo za pokojnega Mr. Michael Ursicha. Moški zbor cerkve sv. Jožefa je pokojnemu zapel znano žalostinko: "Blagor mu, ki se spočije . . ."

S tem smo zopet položili v hladni grob pionirja naše fare in Jednote. Da, poklican je bil na dolgo pot tja, kjer je večna pravica in nič več trpljenja, zla in skrbi. Bodi mu ohranjen najblažji spomin in naj uživa večno plačilo v svetem raju. Žalujoči družini naše globoko sožalje! *Poročevalec.*

Translation: Obituary: Michael Ursich (1870 – 1944), husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MICHAEL URSICH

(first column)
Joliet, Ill. There has already been a short write-up in the Glasilo regarding the death of deceased Mr. Michael Ursich, but it still would not be right, that a little more space would not be given to this upstanding deceased, since he by all rights deserves it.

Deceased Mr. Michael Ursich was born on 6 January, 1870 on the Krka near Sticna in Dolenjsko, from where he traveled to America 54 years ago to Cleveland, Ohio, where he lived a couple of years, and then permanently settled in Joliet, Il.

Immediately upon his coming to this country, he took on hard work, as did every immigrant of that time. He found work in the steel factory, where he worked a full 45 years. For his longstanding era of hard work, United States Steel and Wire Co. recognized him with a medal, which is a very rare situation. In spite of the hard work in his life, the deceased reached a ripe old age of 74.

Deceased Mr. Michael Ursich was all his life a model of the character of a Catholic man and father. In his life he never yearned for the honor of public recognition, although he was very deserving many a time, why, he has many honorable good works behind him, he never stood on his threshold when it came to do something good.

The deceased was one among the main founders of the parish of St. Joseph and was a member of the church council for a long number of years, who faithfully worked all the years for the success of the local parish. He was a founder and first secretary of the church Society of Holy Name at St. Joseph Parish. He was also the co-founder and longtime financial secretary of the St. Joseph Society #2 KSKJ, and as such he also enjoyed the development of KSKJ.

According to his means, the deceased always liked to support Catholic and community institutions. He was always generous and . . .

(second column)
On day 22 June, 1941 the deceased and his spouse celebrated their 50th Anniversary of a happy marriage in the midst of their loving children. He was always proud of his children, why, he raised them in the manner that only a father with a firm Catholic commitment could. In spite of that, he was a diligent worker, who fought for his living with hard everyday labor. But he also cared, that the children would be well raised and educated so that they would truly be his happiness and pride in his old age.

As was mentioned before, surviving are grieving spouse Amalija, one son and five daughters. His son, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, has succeeded to a career in medicine, who is working in Chicago 24 years already and is now the supreme medical advisor of KSKJ. His two daughters have left the worldly life and both serve God and country. Sister M. Engratia OSF

Translation: Obituary: Michael Ursich (1870 – 1944), husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich (continued)

is a teacher in St. Joseph school in Joliet, Ill. Sister M. Walburga OSF teaches in St. Mary's high school in Columbus, Ohio. Daughter Mary, married to Louis Zeleznikar, was a city teacher in Chicago, Illinois. Surviving, besides the above named, are daughter Angela, married Setina, and Amelia, married Kostelc.

The funeral of the deceased was on Monday, 3 July from St. Joseph Church and he was laid to eternal rest in the parish cemetery. At the funeral were a great number of sympathizers.

(third column)
Service was performed by Rev. M. J. Butala, pastor, assisted by Rev. George Kuzma and Rev. Michael Zeleznikar. Altar boys were two of his grandsons, Louis and Richard Zeleznikar. In attendance was also Rev. Prost, pastor of St. Mary's in Rock Island, Illinois, who was the main celebrant of the mass. Men's choir of St. Joseph parish sang a well known unhappy-sorrowful song "Blagor mu, ki se spe≠ije . .", Blessed is he who is resting.

Michael Ursich
Circa 1910
An enlargement of the photo
taken at the American Steel and Wire Company on page 54.

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Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

AMELIA URSICH

Born April 5, 1862
Died December 13, 1956

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LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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Mrs. Ursich Dies at 94

Mrs. Amelia Ursich, 94, one of the organizers of St. Joseph's church in Joliet, and a resident here for 65 years, died Thursday in St. Joseph's hospital.

Death followed a lingering illness. Mrs. Ursich had been a resident patient at the hospital for the past six years.

A native of Austria, she was the widow of the late Michael Ursich, who preceded her in death in June, 1944. She also was preceded ' ı death by a son, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich in September, 1954, and a grandson, Dr. Joseph A. Ursich, in June, 1951.

Mrs. Ursich came to Joliet in 1891. She resided at the same residence at 421 Indiana St., until 1944, when she made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Angela) Setina, 1015 Wilcox St., until 1950. At that time, Mrs. Ursich went to St. Joseph's hospital.

Her survivors include five daughters, Ann, who is Sister Mary Engratia, O.S.F., of South Chicago, Dorothy, who is Sister Mary Walburga, O.S.F., Mansfield, O.; Mrs. John (Amelia) Kostelz, Mrs. Setina, and Mrs. Louis (Mary) Zelesznikar, all of Joliet; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Besides being an organizer of St. Joseph's church, Mrs. Ursich also helped organize the Altar and Rosary Society of the church and the St. Ann's Court No. 534 W.C.O.F., both of which she was sti" a member. One of the oldest living members of the church up to the time of her death, Mrs. Ursich was also a member of the

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PIONEER EXPIRES

Joliet, Ill. — Michael Ursich, pioneer, expired June 29 in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Born in Jugoslavia Jan. 6, 1870, he came to this country in 1890.

Services were held in St. Joseph's Church July 3, and interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, son Joseph, supreme medical examiner of the KSKJ, daughters: Sister M. Engratia OSF, Sister M. Walburga OSF, Mary (Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar), Angela (Mrs. Šetina), Amalia (Mrs. Kostelc).

Mrs. Ursich Dies at 94

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Third Order of St. Francis, having joined the group 71 years ago, long before coming to Joliet.

The funeral will be from the Tezak funeral home, Monday, at 8:30 a. m. to St. Joseph's church for services at 9 a. m. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p. m., Saturday.

Stores Open Tonight and Every Night 'til Christmas

Freezing Rain or Sleet

Cloudy tonight and Saturday. Rain Saturday, possibly beginning as freezing rain or sleet late t night. Warmer Saturday. Low tonight near 30. High Saturday low 40s. Low Saturday night nea 30. Rain changing to snow and turning colde Sunday.

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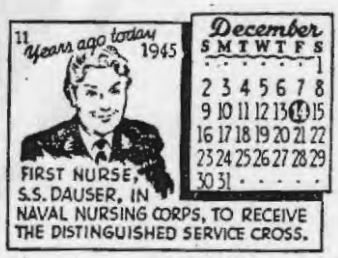
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sov. N. v m. p.

—Umrla je pionirka Mrs. Amalija Ursich, stara 94 let. Bolehala je zadnjih šest let. Bila je med ustanovitelji tukajšnje slovenske fare. V Ameriko je prišla l. 1891 in je živela na 421 Indiana St. do l. 1944, potem pri hčeri Mrs. Angela Setina, zadnjih šest let pa v bolnišnici sv. Jožefa. Doma je bila iz vasi Sela pri Šumberku. Soprog Michael Ursich je umrl leta 1944, bil je dolgoletni tajnik društva

(Dalje na 2. strani)

VESTI IZ NASELBIN

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

sv. Jožefa št. 2 KSKJ. Sin Dr. Joseph E. Ursich je umrl l. 1954, vnuk Dr. Joseph A. Ursich pa l. 1951. Zapušča pet hčera in sicer: Anna, sedaj Sister Mary Engratia O. S. F. v South Chicago; Dorothy, sedaj Sister Mary Walburga O.S.F. v Mansfield, Ohio; Amelia—Mrs. John Kostelz; Angela — Mrs. Michael Setina — soprog je sedanji tajnik društva Sv. Frančiška št. 29 KSKJ; Mary — Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar,—soprog je pomožni glavni tajnik KSKJ, vsi v Jolietu; osem vnukov in pet pravnukov. Bila je članica Rožnvenske bratovščine in društva sv. Ane Katoliških Borštnaric; pri obeh je bila ustanovnica. Bila je tudi članica Tretjega reda sv. Frančiška in sicer še v stari domovini in tukaj, skupno 71 let. Ob smrti je bila ena izmed najstarejših faranov in farank cerkve sv. Jožefa. N. v m.

Chicago, Ill.

Our pioneer Mrs. Amalija Ursich died, 94 years old. She had been ill for the last six years. She was among the founders of the local slovenian parish. She came to America in the year 1891 and lived at 421 Indiana Street until the yar 1944. Thereafter she lived with her aughter Mrs. Angela Setina. For the last six years she was hospitalized at St. Joseph's. She was from the home town of Sela near Sumberk. Her spous Michael Ursich died in the year 1944, and was a longtome secretary of St. Joseph #2 KSKJ society. His son, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, died in the year 1954, and his grandson, Dr. Joseph A. Ursich in the year 1951. Surviving are five daughters, namely: Anna, now Sister Mary Engratia OSF in South Chicago; Dorothy, now Sister Mary Walburga OSF in Mansfield, Ohio; Amelia - Mrs. John Kostelz; Angela - Mrs. Michael Setina - her husband is the currnt secretary of St. Francis #29 KSKJ; Mary - Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar - her husband is the assistant secretary at the main office of KSKJ; - all of they reside in Joliet; eight grandsons and five great-grandsons. She was a member of the Rosary society and St. Anne's Catholic _____. She was a founding member of both. She was also a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, still from the old homeland, altogether 71 years. At her death she was one of the oldest parishioners of St. Joseph Church.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I, Amelia Ursich of Joliet
in the County of Will and state of Illinois
being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last WILL AND TESTAMENT.

FIRST—I hereby order and direct that my Executrix hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

SECOND—After the payment of such funeral expenses and just debts, I hereby give, devise and bequeath

To my Children Joseph Ursich, Amelia Ursich Kostelz, angela Ursich Shetina, mary Ursich Zeleznikar. and (Sister Engratia anna Ursich O.S.F.) (Sister Walburga Dorothy Ursich O.S.F.) to share equaly in all that I have at the time of my death. my 6 room frame house at 807 Cora St. Joliet, Ill. Victory and mortgage Bonds which I now have and will still have at the time of my death. to my Daughter amelia Ursich Kostelz I bequeth all my Personal property furniture etc. that I may have at the time of my death.

LASTLY—I hereby make, constitute and appoint Amelia Ursich Kostelz to be the Executrix of this, my last WILL and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills and codicils by me made.

to pay $200 for masses at St Joseph church for michael angela ursich.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 2nd day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred 44

her mark witnessed by Jean M. Rezak — her X mark — amelia ursich — Seal

This instrument was on the day of the date thereof, signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator Amelia Ursich to be her last will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, believing the said Amelia Ursich to be at the time of so subscribing our names of sound mind and memory, under no undue influence or restraint.

Witnessed by
Jean M. Rezak
Residing at 457 Indiana St.
Joliet Ill
Residing at Joseph R Turcsanic

PART I CHAPTER 1

Amalija [2] Birsa – Michael Ursich Family

Third Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

113 JOSEPH E.[3] URSICH (Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 11 December 1894 and died 24 September 1954. He was married to JUSTINE KOMPARE, born 06 October 1894, died 07 January 1963, buried in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois. He was a graduate of Saint Joseph Grade School; Joliet Township High School; Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Joseph E. Ursich was a physician and surgeon at Saint Anthony de Padua Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, and practiced medicine for over 30 years. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Society and was former Supreme Medical Director of the American Slovenian Catholic Union. He died of heart failure at the home of his sister, Mary Ursich Zeleznikar.

1131 Joseph A.[4] URSICH b. 3 November 1925

114 AMELIA[3] URSICH KOSTELZ (Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 September 1896, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 07 September 1981 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married about 1925 to JOHN L. KOSTELZ (b. 01 September 1894, d. 29 March 1956, Joliet, Illinois), the son of John and Apolonia Kostelz. Molly was in the first formal eighth grade graduation class of Saint Joseph Catholic Grade School, Joliet, Illinois, in June 1909[a]. There were twelve graduates in the class. She was also a graduate of Joliet Conservatory of Music. Molly taught piano and was employed as a seamstress and furrier. She was a member of the Rosarians and the Altar and Rosary Societies of Saint Joseph Church in Joliet, Illinois. She was a member of Saint Genevieve Society #108 of the American Slovenian Catholic Union, and the Catholic Order of Foresters, Saint Anthony's Court.

1141 Mary Ann[4] KOSTELZ b. 31 July 1931

References for Amelia Ursich Kostelz:

a History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941, page 86

115 ANGELA[3] URSICH SETINA (Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 September 1898 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois[a] at 11 South Hickory Street. She died 27 October 1997 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, and is buried at Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Joliet, Illinois.

Angela Ursich was married 28 April, 1920 at Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Illinois to MICHAEL SETINA,[b] who was born 02 August 1892 near Zuzemberk, Austria (now Yugoslavia) and died 03 June 1971 in Joliet, Illinois. Michael is the son of Anton Setina [b. 07 January 1839, Gornji Kriz, Austria, d. October 1909] and Franca Terlep Setina [b. 27 May 1855, d.]

Angela attended Saint Joseph's grade school in Joliet, Illinois. "While I was still going to school, I stayed home every Tuesday to help my mother with the laundry. She had the old kind of machine that you had to operate by hand turning a wheel, and another one that was operated with a stick at the top of the machine. The wringer, too, was turned by hand. Some clothes had to be done by hand on a washboard. I also helped clean the school twice a year and also the church. We scrubbed on hands and knees."

At the age of twelve, Angela left school and began working. She held numerous jobs from that time until she was married. "I was twelve years old when I left school and went to work for a family with four children for $2.50 per week. I helped with the wash, cooking, and cleaning, and watching the children, ages six, four, and two and one half. I ran errands, and sometimes prepared a meal when they had guests. I also worked for the Golobitshes, doing housework and also in the coal office, weighing coal, taking orders, and ordering coal from Coal City. I also learned how to make long distance calls. After that, when I was about sixteen, I found work at the American Can Company in Rockdale, Illinois. I got up every morning about five o'clock and took a street car at the public library, worked from seven to four and took the street car home, fare was five cents. Then Molly, who was working at the Sweet Orr overall factory in Joliet, [on the corner of Chicago Street and Webster Street], got me work there. I worked for about four years and made about $12 a week, sewing pockets on the backs of overalls. And for a while I was instructor teaching beginners and making shoulder straps and putting the buckles on the shoulder straps. We worked eight hours a day, five full days and a half a day on Saturday. Then I got sick with pleurisy and had to quit. Then I met Dad. So I was home two years before I got married."

Angela was introduced to her future husband in 1917, through one of her cousins at a family gathering. After that, Michael Setina would come up on the streetcar from Rockdale to visit Angela. He would also attend the rehearsals of the Saint Joseph's Church choir at the same time as Angela. After rehearsals he would walk her home.

Michael enlisted in the United States Army 02 May 1914 and was discharged 29 July 1915[c]. At this time he served as a Private of Company D of the Eighteenth Regiment of Infantry. He was inducted 05 September 1917 stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa (the United States entered World War I on 06 April 1917) and served in France until 13 June 1919. He attained the rank of Corporal in the Military Police, 88th Division[d]. Michael became a naturalized citizen 25 July 1918, age 25, while serving in the Army at Camp Dodge, Iowa[d].

Michael and Angela corresponded regularly so that Angela had accumulated "a basketful of letters" by the time Michael returned from Europe. "When Dad was a young man, he enlisted in the US Army and was sent to Texas for training from September 5, 1917 to June 13, 1919. He got an honorable discharge after serving a

short time. While in service he had a laundry business. He bought a washing machine and did his buddies laundry to make some money. The army paid only $21.00 per month. While there he and two of his buddies went for a swim in the Gulf and when the tide came in Dad almost lost his life as he couldn't swim. His two buddies tried to save him, but a big wave came along and threw him on the beach."

Angela's friend, Mary Kostelz Spelich, made her wedding gown and veil. Angela Ursich and Michael Setina were married 28 April 1920, at Saint Joseph's Church in Joliet, by the Reverend John Plevnick [b]. Angela's sister, Amelia Ursich, and her brother, Joseph Ursich were witnesses. A wedding breakfast was celebrated at her parent's home. After breakfast, the wedding party went to the home of Joseph Setina (Michael's brother) for more food and celebration. The couple took the train to Chicago for their honeymoon,[f] "The first trip I ever had", said Angela. They stayed at a hotel near Lincoln Park, returning home the following Friday.

Angela and Michael lived upstairs in her mother's house at 115 Indiana Street in Joliet from September 1919 to 1933. All of their five children were born while they were there. The family moved to their home at 1409 Wilcox Street in Joliet in 1932, when their youngest daughter, Joan, was 10 days old. The house address was later changed to 1015 Wilcox Street when the city of Joliet revised street numbers. Michael and Angela resided at this address the remainder of their lives.

Angela made all of the children's clothes and coats and hats up to the time when they began working. She learned these skills from her mother, Amalija, and from her sister, Amelia "Molly", who had lessons in dressmaking from two Irish women named Wagner. Angela learned how to make hats for women by going to Marian Curry, who gave lessons for fifty cents. Angela made felt hats, feather hats, flower hats. She also crocheted many beautiful things. " . . .soon after I was married I made altar cloths (crocheted) and finger towels and cloths used for Mass because Sr. Roberta found out I had a new sewing machine."

Angela was very active in Saint Joseph's Church. Angela was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society at Saint Joseph's from 19 1925, holding many offices. As a member, she helped make linen items used at Mass and crocheted laces for the altars. She was chairman for many card parties and supervised bazaars and fairs.

She was one of the 26 charter members of the Saint Joseph's Church Senior Parishioners, which began in 1953 and was organized by Reverend Monsignor Matthew Butala, pastor of the church. She held the office of recording secretary for more than 19 years [g]. Angela made beautiful hand-painted ceramics for the ceramics department of the Senior Parishioners, which began October 3, 1956. She attended weekly meetings at the church park. She began weaving rugs and placemats for the senior parishioners, and was chairman of the senior's weaving committee, which began in June of 1960[h] . Angela also made many beautiful dolls and stuffed animals, which she sold at the annual Saint Joseph's Christmas Bazaar. She was a regular participant in the Will County Senior Citizens Hobby Show.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1976, Angela was nominated to the Fifth Annual Hall of Fame for service to organizations and the community at the Senior Citizens Center in Joliet, Illinois. This honor included receiving the Lieutenant Governor's VIP Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Angela was a member of the Saint Genevieve Lodge of the American Slovenian Catholic Union for 50 years. She received a certificate of appreciation for volunteer service to the Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home 26 January 1982 as well as 11 January 1986 (at this time she was 87 years old). The Joliet Diocesan council of Catholic Women recognized Angela as the 1987 Woman of the Year from Saint Joseph Parish for outstanding services to the church and the community.

She and her husband, Michael traveled to Europe several times to visit the Setina relatives. They also visited Venice, Italy.

Michael Setina immigrated to the United States 10 July 1910, age 18, aboard the steamship *Lapland* of the Red Star Line, which sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, arriving in New York at Ellis Island. Michael had resided in Oberkenz 2, Austria[j]. Michael had two sisters and five brothers. His brothers Joseph, Frank, and John also immigrated to the United States. After Michael came to America, he lived with his brother, Frank, in Rockdale, Illinois. Michael attended Joliet Township High School night classes for English. His teacher was Mary Gospodaric.

Michael Setina worked at the American Steel and Wire Company in Rockdale from 1919 to August 1921, after which he was employed by Prudential Insurance Company as an agent from 1922 to 1929. He also worked as a station attendant at the Standard Oil Station on Cass Street. He worked at Blockson Chemical Company for 16 years making Glouber Salt (similar to epsom salt), that was made for the farmers to feed to their cattle. The workers at Blockson chemical went on strike, after which he worked for the Elwood Unit, Joliet Arsenal as a steamfitter until his retirement 09 September 1954.

Michael served as Secretary of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.), Saint Francis DeSales Society 29, Joliet, Illinois from 1944 to 1965[f].

1151 Genevieve Marie[4] SETINA Graf	b. 10 May 1921
1152 Beatrice Ann Setina Krause	b. 31 July 1922
1153 Dorothy Roberta Setina Scholtes	b. 23 July 1924
1154 Michael Thomas Setina	b. 24 September 1928
1155 Joan Angela Setina Kerwin	b. 12 March 1932

References for Angela Ursich Setina - Michael Setina Family:

a. Certificate of Baptism and Birth, Angela Ursich Setina, 04 September 1898
b. Certificate of Marriage, Michael Setina and Angela Ursich, 28 April, 1920
c. Honorable Discharge from the United States Army 29 July 1915;
d. Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, #20320, 13 June 1919
e. Certificate of Naturalization, #1006795, Volume 8, Number 1846, 25 July 1919
f. Marriage announcement, Joliet Herald News, 1920
g. Joliet Herald News, April 23, 1987
h. Joliet Catholic Explorer, Friday October 8, 1976, page 14.
j. The Statue of Liberty – Ellis Island Foundation. American Family Immigration History Center. Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration officer at Port of Arrival, *Lapland*, arriving 10 July 1910, online at http://www.ellisisland.org
Also, handwritten memories by and interviews with Angela Ursich Setina
And certificates awarded to Angela Ursich Setina

116 ANN[3] URSICH (Sister M. Engratia, O.S.F.) (Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 22 February 1900 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, and died 06 January 1985 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Ann Ursich entered the religious life and served for 63 years. She joined the postulate of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate at Joliet, Illinois 31 January 1921; a novitiate 12 August 1921. She took her first profession of vows 12 August 1923, and her final profession of vows 12 August 1926. Sister Engratia taught in Ohio from 1923 - 125. Sister Engratia served Saint Joseph's school for twenty-three years, from 1925 - 1948[a], teaching in the primary grades and doing church work. She continued teaching at various assignments until 1970. She worked at Saint Francis convent, Joliet, Illinois in the tutoring program 1971-75. She retired to Our Lady of Angels Retirement home in 1975.

References for Ann Ursich (Sister Engratia):

a. History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois, 1891-1991- a centennial book.

117 MARY[3] URSICH ZELEZNIKAR (Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 09 July 1902 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 17 January 1992 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 26 November 1930, Saint Joseph's Church to LOUIS ZELEZNIKAR, born 18 May, 1902, Ig, Austria; died 08 February 1973, Joliet, Illinois. Louis was the son of Jacob Zeleznikar (b. Austria, died 1944) and Mary Armelia Zeleznikar (died 1924). Mary was a graduate of Saint Joseph's School, 1916; Joliet Township High School, 1919; Joliet Junior college, 1921; Chicago Normal School 1924. She was a teacher at Saint Stephen's School in Chicago, Illinois and Cooper School in Chicago, Illinois. Mary's hobbies included gardening, crafts and reading. Louis Zeleznikar was a supreme officer of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.) for over 45 years; the last 13 years preceding his death he served as Supreme Secretary of the KSKJ.

1171 Louis J.[4] ZELEZNIKAR b. 08 February 1932
1172 Richard J. Zeleznikar b. 08 December 1933

118 DOROTHY[3] URSICH (Sister M. Walburga, O.S.F.) (Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 November 1905, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 12 March 1958, at the Saint Francis Convent, Joliet, Illinois. In 1925, she joined the postulate of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate at Joliet, Illinois. She took her first profession of vows in 1928, and her final profession of vows in 1931. She taught at Saint John's School, in Joliet, Illinois for a year; Saint Joseph's School, Joliet, Illinois 1929 - 1939[a]; Saint Mary's High School, Columbus, Ohio for nine years[b] and Saint Peter's High School, Mansfield, Ohio for five years, from 1952 - 1957[c]. She died of cancer.

References for Dorothy Ursich (Sister Walburga):

a. History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois, 1891-1991- a centennial book
b. Joliet Herald News, March 12, 1956.
c. The Key, St. Peter's School, Mansfield, Ohio, March 21, 1958, Vol. 15, No. 5, page 1

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
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ŽENSKI ZBOR PEVSKEGA DRUŠTVA "SOČA" IN PEVOVODJA G. GEO. MALOVRH.

Angela Ursich Setina, 2nd row, 3rd person
Ann Ursich (Sister Engratia), 2nd row, 4th person
Molly Ursich Kostelz, 2nd row, 2nd from right (10th from left)

The caption reads: **Ladies choir of the chorus "SOCA", under the direction of G. Geo Malovrh**

Source: Spominska knjiga, Zupnija sv. Jozefa v Jolietu, Ill 1891-1916
-ob- Srebrnem Jubileju Praznovanem dne 22 Octobra 1919, page 32
"25th Anniversary booklet, Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, Illinois
at the Silver Jubilee celebrated on 22 October 1916"

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Scrapbook

of

Third Generation Descendants of

Anton[1] Birsa

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Joliet, Ill. — Župnija Sv. Jožefa. Od zadnjega poročila je ta župnija naredila v marsičem jako lep in velik napredek. Bila je preslikana lansko leto. — Dobila je lansko jesen nov križev p[ot]. Letos so pa kupili dvorano, katero je naselbina tako zelo potrebovala. Finančno so imeli vspeh, kakor še ni-

Dr. J. W. Uršič, slovenski zdravnik, doma iz Jolieta, Ill., ki je ko čal letos vse predpisane študije za zdravnika. Mlademu rojaku pr iskreno častitamo in mu želimo v novem plemenitem delu za člov tvo kar največ vspeha.

TOP OF PICTURE

Joliet, Ill. - St. Joseph Parish. From the last bulletin, this parish has made progress in many areas. Last year it was renovated. - Last fall it received new Stations of the Cross. This year a new hall was purchased, which the parish community really needed. Their financial success was greater than ever before.

BELOW PICTURE

Dr. J.W. Ursic, slovenian physician, native of Joliet, Ill., who concluded all required studies for medicine this year. To our young countryman we extend sincere congratulations and we wish him utmost success in his noble work for mankind.

DR. JOSEPH E. URSICH NOVI VRHOVNI ZDRAVNIK KSKJ.

Chicago, Ill.

Kakor se poroča, je glavni odbor Kranjsko Slovenske Katoliške Jednote na svojem letnem zborovanju, ki se je vršil zadnji teden izvolil za bodočega vrhovnega zdravnika Jednote našega slovenskega chicaškega zdravnika Dr. Josepha E. Ursicha, ki ordinira v naši naselbini na 1901 West Cermak Road.

Dr. Ursich je popularen zdravnik v Chicagi. Kot zdravnik prakticira v Chicagi že nad 22 let in si je med časom pridobil mnogo znancev in prijateljev med svojim narodom in drugimi narodi. Njegovi starši Mr. in Mrs. Michael Ursich še oba živita. Pred dvema letoma sta slavila zlato poroko v Jolietu, kjer bivata in sta še pri trdnem zdravju.

Dr. Ursichu čestitamo k njegovi izvolitvi za vrhovnega zdravnika KSKJ.!

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Dr. Joseph E. Ursich new Supreme Medical Consultant KSKJ Chicago, Ill

As was submitted, the supreme board of KSKJ at its annual board meeting, which commenced last week, voted for its fuure supreme medical consultant of the Union, our slovenian physician Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, who practices in our community on 1903 West Cermak Road.

Dr. Ursich is a popular physician in Chicago. He practices as a physician in Chicago over 22 years and has during this time gathered many acquaintances and friends among his countrymen and other nationals. His parents Mr. And Mrs. Michael Ursich are sill living. Two years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Joliet, where they live and and in in solid health.

To Dr. Ursich, we congratulate him upon his election as supreme medical consultant of KSKJ.

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son, Joseph[3] Ursich

"We have loved him during life; let us not abandon him until we have conducted him by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

In your most fervent prayers remember the soul of

Dr. Joseph E. Ursich

At Rest, September 24, 1954

BORN DECEMBER 11, 1894
INTERMENT
St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois
SEPTEMBER 28, 1954

PRAYER

O gentlest Heart of Jesus! ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy servant, **JOSEPH**; bring him from the shadows of exile to the bright home in Heaven, where we trust Thou and Thy blessed Mother have woven for him a crown of unfading bliss. Amen.

Our Father Hail Mary

May he rest in peace

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord! and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on him.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for him.

"We have loved her during life, let us not forget her after death." —St. Ambrose

In Your Charity Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Justine U. Ursich

(NEE KOMPARE)
BORN OCTOBER 6, 1894
AT REST JANUARY 7, 1963
INTERMENT
ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
Joliet, Illinois
JANUARY 9, 1963

PRAYER

O Lord, Thou gavest her to us to be our joy and Thou hast taken her away from us. We give her back to Thee without a murmur, but our hearts are wrung with sorrow.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the soul of Thy Servant full remission of all her offenses, that, through the help of pious supplications, she may obtain the pardon of which she has always been desirous; Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

KOMPARE FUNERAL HOME
9858 Commercial Avenue
SOuth Chicago 8-1111—8800

Dr. J. E. Ursich, A Former Joliet Resident, Dies

Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, 59, of LaGrange Park, died Friday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar, 920 Oakland Ave., following a lingering illness.

Dr. Ursich had been a practicing physician in Chicago for 30 years, having retired recently. He was a graduate of St. Joseph's Parochial School here, Joliet Township High School and received his degree in medicine from Northwestern University.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Society, Illinois Medical Society and was former supreme medical director of the KSKJ. His son, Dr. Joseph A. Ursich, preceded him in death in 1951.

BESIDES HIS sister he is survived by his widow, Justine; and four other sisters, Mrs. John Kostelz and Mrs. Michael Setina, of Joliet, Sister M. Engratia, OSF, of Chicago, and Sister M. Walburga, OSF, of Mansfield, O. Also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the Zefran Funeral Home, 1941 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday to St. Steven's Church, Chicago, at 9 a. m. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet.

Dr. Joseph E. Ursich

Services for Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, 59, of 904 Waiola, La Grange Park, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Stephen's Church, 1852 W. 22d pl. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery, Joliet. Dr. Ursich, a physician and surgeon with offices at 1701 W. Cermak rd. for more than 30 years, died Friday night in the home of his sister, Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar, in Joliet. He was a member of the staff of St. Anthony de Padua hospital. Surviving are his widow, Justine; his mother, Mrs. Amelia Ursich, and five sisters. A son, Dr. Joseph A. Ursich, died of polio in 1951. His father set up a fellowship fund in his honor in Northwestern University.

Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, 59, of 904 N. Waiola av., LaGrange Park, will be buried Tuesday in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Mass will be said at 10 a. m. in St. Stephen's Church, 1852 W. 22d pl.

A member of the staff at St. Anthony De Padua Hospital, Dr. Ursich practiced medicine in Chicago for more than 30 years. He was former medical director of the Slovene Catholic Union.

URSICK—Dr. Joseph E. Ursick, Sept. 24, late residence... 904 Waiola-av., La Grange Pk. Ill., beloved husband of Justine, (nee Kompare) fond father of the late Dr. Jos. A. Ursick, beloved son of Amelia and the late Michael Ursick of Joliet, Ill., dear brother of Amelia Kostelz, Mrs. Angela Setina, Mrs. Mary Zeleznikar, Sister Mary Ingratia, O. S. T. and Sister Mary Walberga, O. S. F., 8 nephews and nieces, funeral Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a. m. from chapel, 1941 W. Cermak-rd. to St. Stephens Church, mass 10 a.m., Interment St. Joseph, Joliet, Ill., in lieu of flowers make contributions to The Dr. Joseph A. Ursick Fellowship Fund of Northwestern University. For infor. call Virginia 7-6688.

DR. J. E. URSICH
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
1901 W. Cermak Road
CHICAGO 8, ILL.
Telephone: Office Canal 4918
Residence: La Grange 3966
OFFICE HOURS:
1—3 and 7—8 P. M.
Except Wednesday all day, and Saturday Evening.

8-1-51

Petition for Admission of Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary

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STATE OF ILLINOIS }
County of Cook }

In the Probate Court of Cook County

To the Honorable

Judge of said Court.

Your Petitioner, CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, respectfully showeth that it is a national banking association doing business in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, that on the 24th day of September, 1954, Joseph E. Ursich a resident of La Grange Park in Cook County, departed this life at Joliet, Illinois, leaving a last will & Testament, which ~~is not~~ herewith presented for Probate. In said ~~codicil~~ will decedent nominated your petitioner executor hereof. Executor

The approximate value of the real and personal estate of decedent in this state is as follows:

Personal estate	$60,000.00
Real estate	$ -0-
The value of the whole estate of decedent	$60,000.00

The estate of the decedent ~~will not~~ will be sufficient to discharge all claims against the estate.

The following are the names and post office addresses of all the heirs of the decedent:

NAMES	RELATIONSHIP	AGE OF MINOR	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Amelia Ursich	Mother	Adult	c/o Mrs. Angela Setina 1015 Wilcox Avenue, Joliet, Ill.
Amelia Kostelz	Sister	Adult	719 Nicholson, Joliet, Illinois
Angela Setina	Sister	Adult	1015 Wilcox Avenue, Joliet, Ill.
Mary Zeleznikar	Sister	Adult	920 Oakland, Joliet, Illinois
Sister M. Engratia	Sister	Adult	9023 S. Exchange Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Sister M. Walburga	Sister	Adult	63 South Mulberry St., Mansfield, Ohio
Justine V. Ursich	Wife	Adult	c/o Mrs. Francis Hopkins Box 179A, R.R. 2, Coloma, Michigan

The following are the names and post office addresses of all the devisees and legatees of decedent:

NAMES	RELATIONSHIP	AGE OF MINOR	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Amelia Ursich (Letter Mailed to)	Mother	Adult	1015 Wilcox Avenue, Joliet, Ill.
Amelia Kostelz	Sister	Adult	719 Nicholson, Joliet, Illinois
Angela Setina	Sister	Adult	1015 Wilcox Avenue, Joliet, Ill.
Mary Zeleznikar	Sister	Adult	920 Oakland, Joliet, Illinois
Sister M. Engratia	Sister	Adult	9023 S. Exchange Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Sister M. Walburga	Sister	Adult	63 South Mulberry St., Mansfield, Ohio
Justine V. Ursich (Letter Mailed to	Wife	Adult	c/o Mrs. Francis Hopkins Box 179A, R.R. 2, Coloma, Michigan
University of Cincinnati (Letter Mailed to	Charity	School	of Medicine, Burnet Woods Park, Cincinnati, Ohio
John Hopkins University	Charity	School	of Medicine, Charles and 34th Baltimore, Maryland

Each heir, devisee or legatee who is a minor or incompetent has been so designated in the foregoing lists.

At the time of h.is death, decedent was a citizen of* U.S.A.

The office and place of business of your petitioner is 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago 90, Illinois, and it is qualified and willing to accept and undertake the trust confided to it in said will, wherefore your petitioner prays that said will may be admitted to probate, and letters testamentary thereon issue to said CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO.

Your petitioner further states that Jerome Smerz, Archer Ballantine and Eloise Schaefer are persons of discretion, not related to the decedent nor interested in the administration of the estate and it respectfully recommends that the Court appoint them as appraisers.

CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO

By _____

*State nation of which decedent was a citizen. If there are unknown heirs and decedent was born in foreign country, state nation of birth

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STATE OF ILLINOIS }
Cook County } ss.

J. W. Ashley

being duly sworn, says he is Assistant Secretary of the CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO and duly authorized to make this affidavit for and on its behalf, and that he has read the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements therein are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public of Cook County, this ..... day of ..... A.D. 19 .....

..... *Notary Public*

J. W. Ashley

ACCEPTANCE

The undersigned hereby accepts the office of Executor of the Will JOSEPH E. URSICH as prayed for in this petition, if so appointed by the Probate Court of Cook County.

Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago

By J. W. Ashley

Righeimer & Righeimer *Attorney*

135 S. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois *Address*

RA-6-5646 *Telephone*

We hereby enter our appearance as attorney for the executor of the within estate.

RIGHEIMER AND RIGHEIMER *Attorney*

Address 1006 - 135 S. LaSalle St.

Telephone RAndolph 6-5646

THE HEARING on this petition has been set for the 17th day of November A.D. 19 54 at 2 o'clock P. M.

Probate Court of Cook County

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH E. URSICH *Deceased*

Petition of CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO

FOR ADMISSION OF WILL TO PROBATE and LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

File 54P-9538

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Amelia Ursich and John Kostelz

Married about June 1925

Amalia[3] Ursich Kostelz was part of the first 8th grade graduation class from St. Joseph's Church, Joliet, Illinois in June 1909[a].

First Graduation

At the close of the scholastic year in June, 1909 the first formal eighth grade graduation was held. There were twelve graduates in the group, eight boys and four girls, among the boys was our present beloved pastor, Father Butala. It was with singular joy and pride that Father Šusteršič presided at this first graduation exercise. How much added joy there would have been if it had been vouchsafed the devoted Father Šustešič to lift the veil of the future and to see among these eight boys, the one who, in less than thirty years, will be a priest of God like himself, taking his place as pastor of Saint Joseph's, and organizing and directing in this golden year of jubilee the celebration commemorating the fiftieth year of the parish, which he founded and served so many years in loving devotion and zeal.

The First Graduates

Jacob Benedick	Frank Kostelz	Josephine Marentic
Matthew Bezek	John Mutz	Anne Mutz
Jacob Brunskol	Martin Perse	Mary Stefanich
Matthias Butala	Joseph Spelich	Amalia Ursich

Michael Ursich (husband of Amalija Birsa) was one of the Charter members of the Men's Holy Name Society, and was elected as the society's first Secretary[b].

MEN'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society for men was established in our parish on Oct. 26, 1919, under the direction of Father Plevnik. The Holy Name Society has been recognized for centuries as the most valuable spiritual organization for men in any parish. Its purpose is to induce men to refrain from misusing God's name, from blasphemy or obscene speech. It promotes respect for all lawfully constituted authority both civil and religious. It encourages personal sanctification through frequent reception of the Sacraments, and through other charitable works.

From its beginning this Society has done a real service to St. Joseph's Church. Their most recent contribution are the canopy used in processions and the cushion kneeler for the church pews. The Society has likewise done its share in supporting the Big Brothers, work, The Holy Name Technical School and other charitable projects sponsored by the Central Office.

The 82 charter members selected the following as their first officers: Rev. John Plevnik, Spiritual Director, Anton Golobitsh, President, George Stonich, Vice President; Michael Ursich, Secretary; Paul Laurich, Recording Secretary; Joseph Muhich, Treasurer; Louis Anzekovich, Marshall; John N. Pasdertz and Anton Stefanich, Representatives.

The Society now has 235 members with the following as officers: Rev. M. J. Butala, Spiritual Director; John Kostelec, President; Andrew Hochevar and Martin Juricic, Vice Presidents; Louis Zeleznikar Sec.; Frank Zelko, Rec. Sec.; Fred Kren, Treasurer; Anton Smrekar, William Vertin and Michael Setina, Trustees; John Mutz and Frank Terlep, Repres. Frank Terlep, Sentinel; George Stonich is the Honorary President and John Butala Sr. the Honorary Secretary.

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From: History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941, page 86[a], page 131[b], also photograph page 126.

Obituaries

AMELIA M. KASTELZ

Joliet, Ill.— Amelia Kastelz (nee Ursich) was called to eternal rest on Sept. 7, 1981 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet.

Born in Joliet Sept. 6, 1896, she was a lifetime resident of Joliet and St. Joseph's Parish. She was the daughter of Michael and Amelia Ursich, pioneers and co-founders of St. Joseph's Church. Michael Ursich, the first secretary of St. Joseph Society No. 2, was secretary for 25 years.

Molly was in the first graduating class of St. Joseph Porochial School. Also a graduate of the Joliet Conservatory of Music. She taught piano and was employed as a seamstress and furrier. She was a member of St. Genevieve Society, KSKJ, over 50 years, the Rosarians, Altar and Rosary Society and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Survived by her daughter, Mary Ann (Harold) Thomure, three grandchildren and one granddaughter, all of Charlevoix, Mich.; three sisters, Sister Mr. Eugratia (Anne), Angela Setina (Michael), Mary Zeleznikar (Louis), all of Joliet.

Preceded in death by her husband John L. Kastelz (1956), her parents Michael (1944) and Amelia (Birsa) (1958), one brother Dr. Joseph E. Ursich (1954) and one sister, Dorothy (Sister Walburga OSF) (1958).

Mass of the Resurrection was concelebrated by Rev. Thad Turpin and Rev. Longhran at the chapel of the OLA. Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery on Sept. 10th. May she rest in peace.

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KOSTELZ, AMELIA M.

nee Ursich. Age 85 years. Sept. 7, 1981 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet. Born in Joliet and a lifetime area resident. Was in the first graduating class of St. Joseph Catholic School. Graduated from the Joliet Conservatory of Music. Taught piano and was employed as a seamstress and furrier. Member of St. Joseph Parish, the Rosarians and Altar and Rosary Societies of St. Joseph Church, St. Genevieve Society 108 KSKJ and the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Anthony's Court. Survived by her daughter, Mary Ann (Harold) Thomure, three grandchildren, Victoria, Joseph and Deborah, one great granddaughter, all of Charlevoix, MI, three sisters, Angela (Mrs. Michael Setina), Mary (Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar), and Sister M. Engratia (Anne Ursich) O.S.F., all of Joliet and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by her husband, John L. Kostelz (1956), her parents, Michael and Amalia (Birsa) Ursich, one brother, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich and one sister, Sister M. Walburga (Dorothy Ursich), O.S.F. Remains are resting at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, 1201 Wyoming Ave., Joliet where Mass will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. Visitation Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet. Memorials to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home would be appreciated. Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Joliet, in charge of arrangements. (8

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

AMELIA URSICH

Born April 5, 1862
Died December 13, 1956

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LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN L. KOSTELZ

Born September 1, 1894
Died March 29, 1956

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LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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PART I

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John L. Kostelz
Husband of Molly[3] Ursich Kostelz

John L. Kostelz Succumbs at 61; Rites on Monday

John L. Kostelz, 61, of 719 Nicholson St., for 43 years an employe of the Universal Head Co., died Thursday at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. Kostelz died at the hospital several hours after he was moved there in the Tezak ambulance. He went to work as usual, but complained of feeling ill and returned home. Later he was taken to the hospital.

Death was due to a heart condition. He had been under the care of a physician for a heart condition for the past year.

A son of the late John and Apollonia Kostelz, he was born in Joliet and lived here thruout his lifetime.

A veteran of World War I, he served with the U. S. Army.

Mr. Kostelz was an organizer and charter member of the Stone City Post, No. 2199, VFW and was an organizer of the St. John's Society No. 143, K.S.K.J. He continued his interest in the society and was a trustee in the organization. He also was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's church.

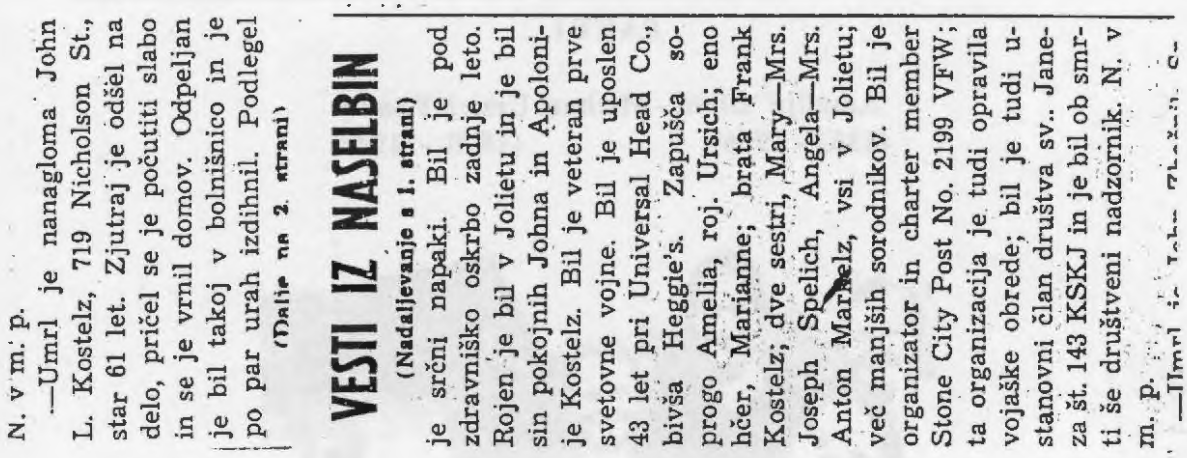
Surviving are his widow, Amelia; a daughter, Marianne; and one brother, Frank Kostelz; two sisters, Mary now Mrs. Joseph Spelich, Sr., and Angela now Mrs. Anton Markelz, all of Joliet; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral will be from the Tezak Funeral home Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. to the St. Joseph's church for a requiem mass at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call after 7 o'clock this evening.

The Holy Name Society is to meet at the funeral home Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Stone City Post VFW is to be in charge of the military rites.



N. v m. p.

—Umrl je nanagloma John L. Kostelz, 719 Nicholson St., star 61 let. Zjutraj je odšel na delo, pričel se je počutiti slabo in se je vrnil domov. Odpeljan je bil takoj v bolnišnico in je po par urah izdihnil. Podlegel

(Dalje na 2. strani)

VESTI IZ NASELBIN

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

je srčni napaki. Bil je pod zdravniško oskrbo zadnje leto. Rojen je bil v Jolietu in je bil sin pokojnih Johna in Apolonije Kostelz. Bil je veteran prve svetovne vojne. Bil je uposlen 43 let pri Universal Head Co., bivša Heggie's. Zapušča soprogo Amelia, roj. Ursich; eno hčer, Marianne; brata Frank Kostelz; dve sestri, Mary—Mrs. Joseph Spelich, Angela—Mrs. Anton Markelz, vsi v Jolietu; več manjših sorodnikov. Bil je organizator in charter member Stone City Post No. 2199 VFW; ta organizacija je tudi opravila vojaške obrede; bil je tudi ustanovni član društva sv.. Janeza št. 143 KSKJ in je bil ob smrti še društveni nadzornik. N. v m. p.

—Umrl je John [illegible]

Died- suddenly, John L. Kostelz, 719 Nicholson Street, 61 years old. In the morning he went to work, began to feel ill and returned home. He was taken immediately to the hospital and died after a few hours. He succumbed to heart problems. He was under doctor's care during the past year. He was born in Joliet and was the son of deceased John and Apolonia Kostelz. He was a veteran of the first world war. He was employed for 43 years at Universal Head Company, the former Heggie's. He leaves behind wife Amelia, borh Ursich; one daughter, Marianne; brother Frank Kostelz; two sisters, Mary - Mrs. Anton Markelz, all of Joliet; many distant relatives. He was the organizer and charter member of Stone City Post No 2199 VFW; this organization also performed military honors; he was also founding member of the society of St. John the Baptist #143 KSKJ and was at his death the society's sergeant.

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

COUSINS

Back: **Mary Ursich, Angela Ursich, Ann Ursich,**
Daughters of Amalija Birsa Ursich
Front: **Anna Birsa, Mary Birsa**
(born 1907), (born 1909)
Daughters of Benedict Birsa

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

COUSINS

Back: **Amelia "Molly" Ursich, Ann Ursich (Sister Engratia)**
(Daughters of Amalija Birsa Ursich)

Front: **Anna Birsa** **Mary Birsa,**
(born 1907) (born 1909)
(Daughters of Benedict Birsa

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

COUSINS

Left to Right: **Mary Birsa, Anna Birsa, - Ann, Mary, Molly Ursich**
(born 1909), (born 1907)
(Daughters of Benedict Birsa) - (Daughters of Amalija Birsa Ursich)

Michael Setina and Angela Ursich Setina
Married April 28, 1920

The Wedding Party (from left)
Joseph Ursich, Amelia Ursich, Michael Setina, Angela Ursich Setina

The Family of Angela Ursich Setina
On their 25th Wedding Anniversary, 1945

Standing: Beatrice, Michael, Genevieve
Seated: Dorothy, Angela Ursich Setina, Michael Setina, Joan

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CERTIFICATE

of

BAPTISM AND BIRTH

St. Joseph's Church

Joliet, Illinois

This is to Certify That Angela Ursich

Child of Michael Ursich

and Amalia n. Birsa

born on the 4th day of September 19 1898

in Joliet, Illinois

was Baptized

on the 18th day of September 19 1898

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

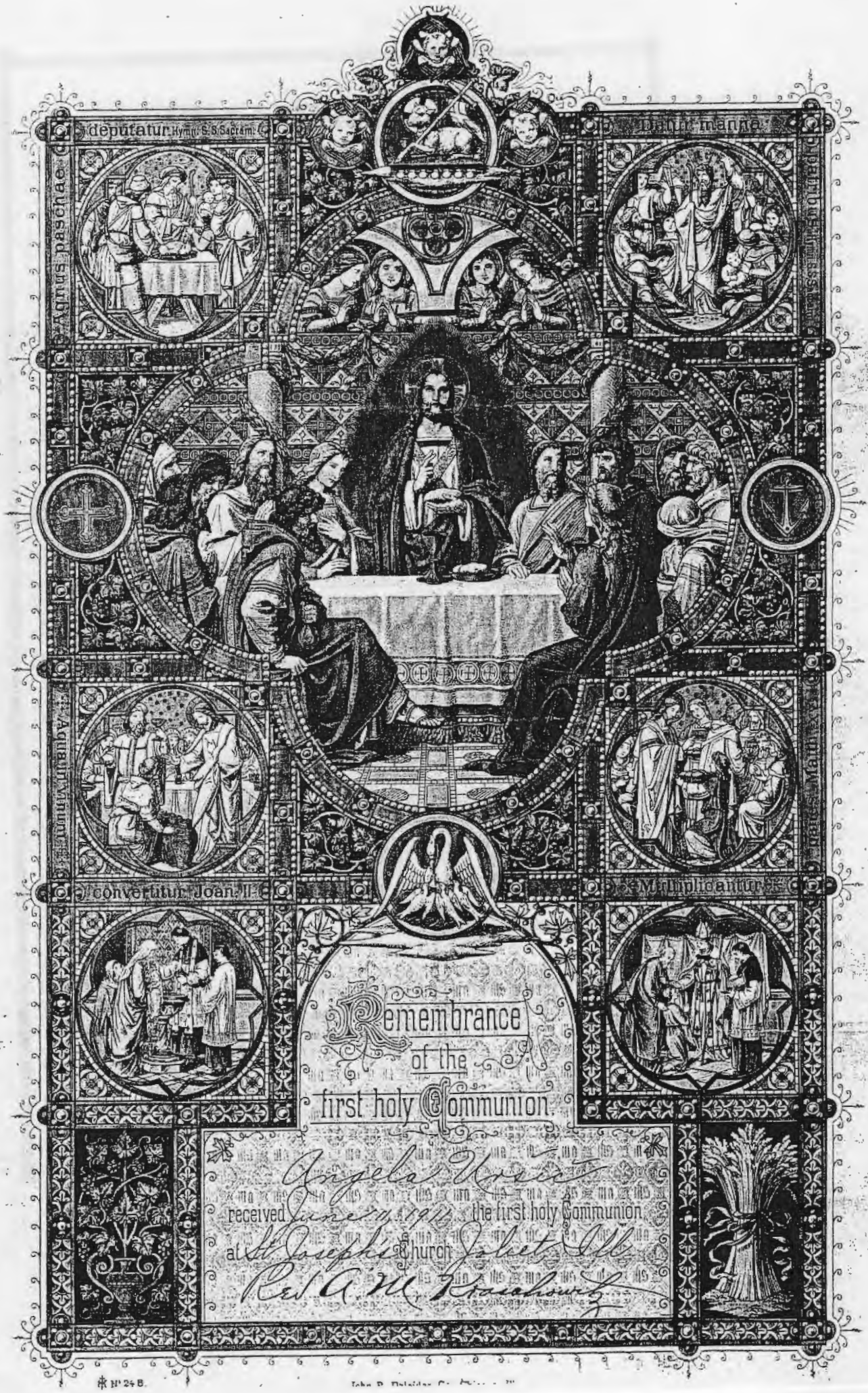
the sponsors being { Anton Oberstar / Louise Oberstar }

as it appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

M. J. Butala.

RECTOR

Joliet, Illinois, January 31, 1944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Panis mensae
Agnus paschae
Agnum immolatum
convertitur. Joan. II.
Multiplicantur
Remembrance
of the
first holy Communion.
Angela Rossi
received June 11, 1911 the first holy Communion
at St Josephs Church Joliet Ills.
Rev A. M. Kozakowski

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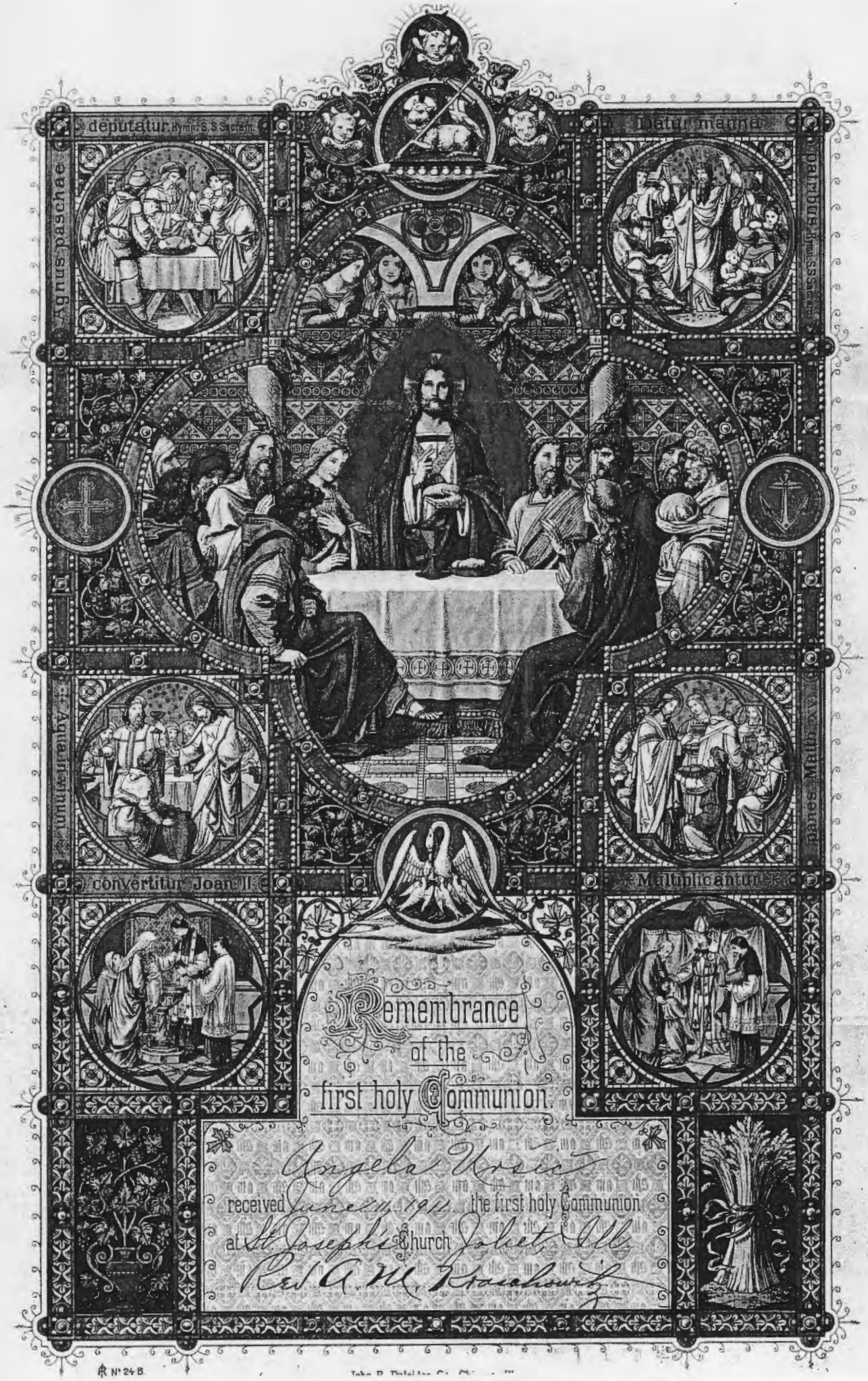
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received June 11, 1911 the first holy Communion
at St Josephs Church Joliet, Ill
Rev A. M. Kosakowski

O Marija, blagoslovi svoje otroke!

M. von Oer pinxit. Cum approbatione ecclesiastica. No. 5

Sprejemnica v Marijino družbo,

v katero je bil sprejet

Ignacija Urisk

dné 21. mesca Decembra 1913

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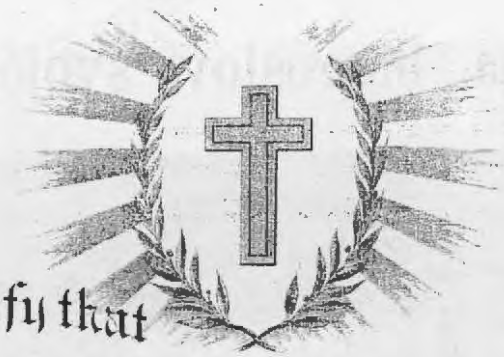

This is to Certify that

Mr. Michael Setina

of Joliet,

State of Illinois and

Miss Angela Ursich

of Joliet

State of Illinois

were by me united in the

Bonds of Matrimony

According to the Rites of the

Holy Roman Catholic Church

and the laws of the State of Illinois

at St. Joseph's Church, Joliet, Ill.

on the 28th day of April A.D. 1920

Joseph Ursich
Amalia Ursich } Witnesses

(Rev.) John Plevnik

Pastor of St. Joseph's Church

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
REV. JOHN PLEVNIK
810 N. CHICAGO STREET
JOLIET, ILL.

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Certificate of Marriage.

This is to certify, that Michael Setina and Angela Ursich

were lawfully married on the 28th day of April 1920
According to the Rite of The Catholic Church and in conformity with the laws of the State of Illinois in the presence of

Witnesses { Joseph Ursich
Amalia Ursich

(Rev.) John Plevnik
Pastor of St. Joseph's Church
Officiating.

WEDDINGS

Wed in St. Joseph's Church.

Miss Angeline M. Ursich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ursich, 115 Indiana street, and Michael M. Setina of West Park, were married yesterday morning in St. Joseph's Catholic church. The Rev. John Plevnik officiated.

Miss Mollie Ursich and Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, sister and brother of the bride, were attendants.

The bride wore a gown of white satin beaded in design. Her long tulle veil was caught with a circlet of pearls. A shower bouquet completed the costume. Miss Ursich wore a gown of pale pink organdie and carried pink roses.

A wedding breakfast was served in the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Setina left last evening for an extended eastern trip. The bride is travelling in a suit of blue tricotine, with hat of the same tone.

The Palmer Method of BUSINESS WRITING

This Certifies that

Angela Ursic,

has attained to a degree of excellence in the

Palmer Method

of Muscular Movement Business Writing

AND IS ENTITLED TO THIS

STUDENT'S CERTIFICATE

FOR PROFICIENCY IN

Rapid Legible Business Writing

Given at Chicago, Ill.,

May 17, 1911

A. N. Palmer AUTHOR

Memories written by Angela Ursich Setina (about 1985)

① I was born on Sept. 4-1898 at 11 S. Hickory St. to Michael and Amelia Ursich in the small house and had 3 brothers and 1 sister before me. (Michael, Frank, and Dorothy Amelia I had 2 other sisters born there Anne and Mary.

I remember when Mary was born. We were so happy to have another sister I could barely see over the footboard of the bed. I had a lot of nice experiences when living there. One day my sister Molly decided to take a swing in the hammock and since it was a cool day she decided to build a fire under the hammock. It was caught just in time or that both she and the hammock would go up in smoke.

I also remember my grandfather coming to visit us (Anton Birsa) bringing us oranges and some veg.

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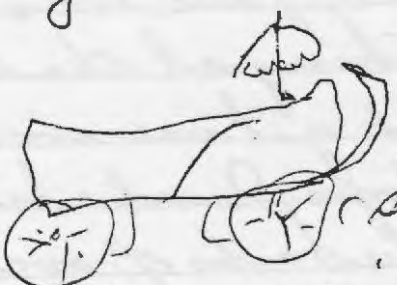
We lived with my Aunt and Uncle Alberston. Some days my mother would allow us to go next door to the Chinese laundry and watch the Chinese wash clothes, by hand. The laundry still stands in the same place still in operation. They wore black clothes with a small hat on their heads and their ~~boards~~ queues hung down their backs. We also were allowed to go down Jefferson St to ~~see~~ look at the bill boards to see Nomo + Boga Katzenjoxer put their children thru the laundry and wringer.

Just before I was 6 yrs old. my parents bought a house on Indiana St. and I remember while walking on Bluff St. to our new home we found a doll lying on the sidewalk, we picked it up and took it home with us. Anne was about 3 yrs Mary was riding in a baby carriage.



I have been active in school plays - Sodality play (St Marys) and church fairs and dances & picknicks.

Married 4-28-20. had of family of 5, been hospitalized 4 times. Active in Sr. Parishioners for since its organized rec. sec. 19 yrs + active in mowing for 2 3/4 yrs. also volunteer for P.S.A. " mgs. 2 yrs

Memories written by Angela Ursich Setina (about 1985)

~~[illegible]~~

I also helped clean the school twice a year and also the church we assisted our aunt & uncles. I was 12 yrs old when I left school and went to work for ~~people~~ a family with 4 children for 2.50 per week. I helped with the work cooking and cleaning and watching the children ages 6-4 2-1/2 yr. ~~ones~~ ~~ironed~~ and sometimes prepare a meal when they had guests. I also worked for the Galabitales, doing housework and also in the coal office, weighing coals, taking orders, and ordering coal from Coal City. I also learned how to make long distance calls. After that when I was about 16 I found work at the American Can Co. in Rockdale. Got up every morning about 6 o'clock and took a street car at the public library, worked from 7 to 4 and took the St. car home, for was 5 & Ellen Kelly who was working at the Sweet Orr overall factory in Joliet got me work there, I worked for about 4 yrs I made about $12 a week, sewing pockets on the backs of overalls. and for awhile I was instructor teaching beginners. I then got sick, with pleurisy and had to quit. I then met Hod.

When Dad was a young man, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Texas for training. From Sept 5 1917 to June 13, 1919 He got an honorable discharge after serving a short time. While in service he had a laundry business. He bought a washing machine and did his buddies laundry to make some money. The army paid only $21.00 per mo. While there he and 2 of his buddies went for a swim in the Gulf and when the tide come in Dad almost lost his life as he could not swim. His 2 buddies tried to save him, but a big wave came along and threw him on the beach.

He also traded at the store in Galveston and one day asked for credit, which was refused. So one day a friend of his went on a W.O.J and bought a large amount of supplies plus a suit case and made a forged check, or his own, and the merchant cashed it and then tried to hold Dad responsible for the check, so Dad told him he would not trust ~~him~~ him but he did trust the other fella and Dad ~~did not~~ refused to make payment

Memories written by Angela Ursich Setina (about 1985) 4

Also – soon after I was married I made altar cloths (crochet and finger towels & cloths for used for Mass & because Sr. Roberta found out I had a new sewing machine.

	Done ✓
1.	☐
2.	☐
3. While I was still going to school	☐
4. I stayed home every Tuesday to	☐
5. help my mother with the laundry	☐
6. She had the old kind of washer	☐
7. ines that you had to operate	☐
8. with by hand, turning a wheel	☐
9. and not the one that I had operate	☐
10. with a stick at the top of the ma	☐
11. chine, the wringer too was turned	☐
12. by hand. Some clothes had to be done by hand on a washboard.	☐

Michael Ursich
1-6-1870 — 6-29-1944

born Jan. 6, 1870 in Austria, Gabrovic #10 Krka - Slovenia Jugoslavia
61301

~~He had~~ His father was Matija Ursic (Mother) Marija Godec

He had several brothers: Anton, Matt, Frank - and one sister Marija Ursic she is still living in a nursing home in Ljubljana (Several cousins live in Kantons. Born Jan. 4-1870

Father worked for many years for the United States Steel Co. for over 40 yr. He also recieved a medal from Col. Lambert for his faithful service

He also worked for State digging the O & M. Canal in Lemont. His brother in law and he built a raft and paddled up the canal to Lemont daily.

He also was sec. of society # 2 K.S.K.J. and recieved a gold pocket watch for his many years of service

Dad was injured while at work and was compensated for the rest of his life (monetary) for his disability

Dad was a lot of fun he could play the harmonica and even his granddaughter enjoyed the music

Injury at Rockdale plant in in 3-32 or 4-32

He become a naturalized citizen Oct. 19-1894

He owned his first home at 11 S. Hickory st. and took a loan from the Westphal bank on Bluff st Then in 1904 bought the Indiana st prop. for $900.00

MARRIED JUNE 22 - 1891

Three daughters were born at 11 S Hickory Angela 9-4 1898
Engratia 1900 - Mary 1902

I remember my grandfather Anton Birsa (died 1902
at Hickory St.
H Many times he come to visit us bringing
us gift of fruit. I also remember my mother
Amelia Birsa Ulrich getting us all nice and clean
and wait at the corner of Jefferson & Hickory Streets
for my grandfathers visit. I also remember when
he died.

Anton sold the property to Andrige & Michael for $ for his successful campaign as mayor of Rockdale (about 1914) for $700

I Dad & Mother also owned property at 105 Cora St.
She sold it after her husband died. That property belonged to Overstreet
and in ~~Rockland~~ Belleview Acres in Rockdale. Dad died June
which she gave to daughter Angela who later sold it.
29, 1944 buried in St. ~~Cemetery~~ Joseph Cemetery
Dad was also active in church and parish activities
He was always on call and ready to help us mother
what. He helped Mr. George Kulovich of ringing the
church bells on Special occasions as Christmas, Easter
He also helped set up the bells, and the new alter
which still adorns our church. he worked at fairs
was on the church committee for many many years
also usher and monthly collector for the Church in our neighborhood
115 Indiana St.

Was interested in politics & each election he
would get in contact from water in his
truck and pick them up with horse & buggy
take them to the polls and bring them back.
Mama did not attend that time.
He wore his ~~Prado~~ coat and derby hat on Sun.
and other special occasions

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Ethnicity:	Hungary - Slovak
Place of Residence:	Oberkenz 2, Austria
Date of Arrival:	10 Jul 1910
Age on Arrival:	18y
Gender:	M
Marital Status:	S
Ship of Travel:	Lapland
Port of Departure:	Antwerp, Belgium

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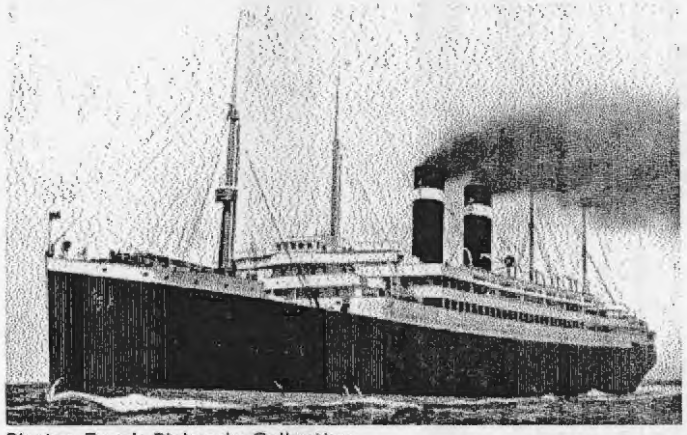

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Built by Harlan & Wolff Limited, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 1909. 17540 gross tons; 620 (bp) feet long; 70 feet wide. Steam quadruple expansion engines, twin screw. Service speed 17 knots. 2536 passengers (394 first class, 352 second class, 1790 third class).

Built for Red Star Line, British flag, in 1909 and named **Lapland**. Antwerp-New York service. Sold to White Star and Dominion Lines, in 1914. Became a troopship in 1917. Returned to Red Star Line, British flag, in 1920. From 1926-33 primarily cruising service. Broken up in Japan in 1934.

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Sailing from Antwerp & Dover

Name	Gender	Age	Married	Ethnicity	Place of Residence
0001. Beirnaert, Alfons	M	22Y	M	Belgium - Flemish	Hausbeke, Belgium
0002. Beirnaert, Elo...ie	F	22Y	M	Belgium - Flemish	Hausbeke, Belgium
0003. Buha, Jozef	M	33y	M	Hungary - Roumanian	Bazor, Hungary
0004. Buha, Konstantuine	F	38Y	M	Hungary - Roumanian	Bazor, Hungary
0005. Belu, Janosne	F	40Y	S	Hungary - Roumanian	Bazor, Hungary
0006. Berezowski, Michal	M	25Y	S	Austria - Ruthenian	Sieniewka, Austria
0007. Potrinyk, Oleksa	U	24y	U	Austria - Ruthenian	Lisiatycze, Austria
0008. Supyk, Iwan	M	33y	M	Austria - Ruthenian	Saonkisredine, Austria
0009. Lucyszyn, Trofym	M	25Y	S	Austria - Ruthenian	Saonkisredine, Austria

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0010. Kuchar, Michal	M	32Y	M	Austria - Ruthenian	Lisiatyeze, Austria
0011. Mychajliw, Pawlo	M	40Y	M	Austria - Ruthenian	Lukawec, Austria
0012. Mychajli, Tekla	F	30Y	M	Austria - Ruthenian	Lukawec, Austria
0013. Denniewicz, Hanka	F	24y	S	Austria - Ruthenian	Bzisow, Austria
0014. Stachow, Antoinina	F	18y	S	Austria - Russia	Luczka, Austria
0015. Vatara, Josef	M	26y	S	Hungary -	Borovac, Hungary
0016. Miladin, Franjo	M	19Y	S	Hungary - Croatian	Swetsano, Hungary
0017. Krasovec, Anna	F	16y	S	Hungary - Slovak	Tscheruembb, Austria
0018. Setina, Michael	M	18y	S	Hungary - Slovak	Oberkenz 2, Austria
0019. Krajec, Josef	M	31y	S	Hungary - Slovak	Lienfeld, Austria
0020. Cichmil, Mara	F	25Y	M	Hungary - Croatian	Orlovac, Hungary
0021. Gjerenic, Eva	F	21Y	M	Hungary - Croatian	Urbanja, Hungary
0022. Rumenovic, Marya	F	29y	M	Hungary - Croatian	Vojni Kriz, Hungary
0023. Rumenovic, Josif	M	11y	S	Hungary - Croatian	Vojni Kriz, Hungary
0024. Filipec, Manda	F	20y	S	Hungary - Croatian	Orlovac, Hungary
0025. Refarinac, Darnika	F	16Y 6M	S	Hungary - Croatian	So. Yana, Hungary
0026. Cunke, Doroc	F	40Y	W	Hungary - Croatian	Vivodina, Hungary
0027. Bartolcic, Franciska	F	23y	M	Hungary - Croatian	Grubisnofolp, Hungary
0028. Bartolcic, Anna	F	13M	S	U.S.A.Born	Grubisnofolp, Hungary
0029. Cuyalj, Hya	M	28y	S	Hungary - Serbian	Borovac, Hungary
0030. Krizmanic, Steva	M	34y	M	Hungary - Croation	Briljanica, Hungary

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No. 1006795

To be given to the person Naturalized.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Petition, Volume 8, Number 1846

Description of Holder: Age, 25 years; height, 5 feet 4 inches; color, White; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, Lt. Brown; color of hair, Black; visible distinguishing marks, None

Name, age and place of residence of wife, Single.

Names, ages and places of residence of minor children

ORIGINAL

State of Iowa } ss:
County of Polk }

Michael Setina
(Signature of holder.)

Be it remembered, That Michael Setina

then residing at number ____ Street, City (or Town) of Camp Dodge, State (or Territory or District) of Iowa, who previous to his (or her) naturalization was a subject of Austria, having applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America pursuant to law, and at a regular term of the District Court of Polk County, held at Des Moines, on the 25th day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen, the court having found that the petitioner had resided continuously within the United States for at least five years, and in this State (or Territory or District) for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the filing of his (or her) petition, and that said petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the law in relation thereto, and that he was entitled to be so admitted, it was thereupon ordered by the said court that he be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof, the seal of said court is hereunto affixed, on the 25 day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen, and of our Independence, the one hundred and forty third.

Geo. Nolan, Clerk
Jas. O'Brien, Deputy
(Official character of attestor.)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office Q. M. 6th Brigade,
Douglas, Arizona
AUG 3 - 1915
Paid in Full $22.40

L. H. Cabell
APTAIN Q. M. CORPS,

Signature of Soldier:
C. H
Michael Selina.

Signature Witnessed:
C H Morrow.
Captain, 18th Infantry.

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Michael Selina Grade: Private

Enlisted May 2, 1914, at Jefferson Bks, Mo, for 1 years.

Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.

Previous service: None -

Noncommissioned officer: Never -

Marksmanship: Sharpshooter July 15, 1915 - Order announcing Qual. not received

Horsemanship: Dismounted -

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: None -

Knowledge of any vocation: None -

Wounds received in service: None -

Physical condition when discharged: Good -

Typhoid prophylaxis completed May 25, 1914 -

Married or single: Single -

Character: Excellent -

Remarks: Service honest and faithful - No unauthorized absence -

R —— recommended for reenlistment.

C. H. Morrow -
Captain, 18th Infantry
Commanding Co. "I" -

Form No. 525, A. G. O.
Ed. Mar. 3-15—75,000.

3—3184

Honorable Discharge from the United States Army.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That Michael Setina a Private of Company "D" of the Eighteenth Regiment of Infantry, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the UNITED STATES ARMY by reason of Purchase - G.O. 31, W.D. 1914 - G.O. 168, Southern Dept. July 29, 1915 -

Said Michael Setina was born in _____, in the State of Austria, and when enlisted was 21 9/12 years of age, by occupation a Laborer, had Blue eyes, D. Brown hair, Ruddy complexion, and was 5 feet 4 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Douglas, Arizona this 3rd day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen

Geo. W. Hasbrouck
1st Lieut. Inf. 18th Infantry
Commanding.

2—8164

ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Michael Setina Grade: Corporal

~~Enlisted, or~~ Inducted, ~~Sept.~~ 5, , 1917, at Joliet, Ill.

Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.

Prior service: * None

Noncommissioned officer: Corporal Nov. 1, 1917

Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: † Not qualified

Horsemanship: Not mounted

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: Centre sector Haute Alsace Oct 12-Nov 4, 19

Decorations: None

Medals; Citations: None

Knowledge of any vocation: Farmer-Blacksmith

Wounds received in service: None

Physical condition when discharged: Good

Typhoid prophylaxis completed Oct. 10, 1917.

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed Oct 10, 1917.

Married or single: Single

Character: Excellent

Remarks: Entitled to travel pay

Served in A.E.F. Aug. 16, 1918 – June 4, 1919.

No A.W.O.L. under G.O. 31-1912 or 45-1914.

I true copy of this document made by me on the 13 day of June 1923 for the purpose of securing the Illinois bonus. Mary Malesh Notary Public

C. & N. W. R. R. Transportation Issued JUN 13 1919 ROCKFORD, ILL. -ILL.-

Signature of soldier: Michael Setina

JUN 13 1919

Camp Grant, Ill.

Paid in Full $ 80.51

including Bonus of $60.00 Act of Feb. 24. 1919

S. H. FRANCIS
Captain Quartermaster Corps

Virgil D. Jones
1st Lieut. Inf.
Commanding Co. Det. D. G.

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Honorable Discharge from The United States Army

True copy made by me for the purpose of securing a Victory Button by mail.
Aug 17-1921

True extract made by me for the purpose of obtaining a Victory Medal by mail.
Aug. 17-1921
Mary Kraker
Notary Public

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That* Michael Setina

†Z/16456 Corporal, 88th M.P. Co.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the UNITED STATES by reason of ‡ Convenience of the Government, Demobilization of Organization, per Circular 106, W. D. 1918

Said Michael Setina was born in Camiole, in the State of Austria

When enlisted he was 25 years of age and by occupation a Laborer

He had Blue eyes, Dark hair, Fair complexion, and was 5 feet 4 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Camp Grant, Illinois this 13th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and Nineteen

Harry B Goodison
Major Inf.
Commanding.

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Form No. 525, A. G. O. Oct. 9-18.

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*Insert name, Christian name first; e. g., "John Doe."
†Insert Army serial number, grade, company and regiment or arm or corps or department; e. g., "1,620,302"; "Corporal, Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Sergeant, First Class, Medical Department."
‡If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of authority therefor.

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity and abilities of Private Michael Setina I do hereby appoint him † Corporal Co. M.G. 3/3 Train & Military Police 88 Div. of the † National Army of the **United States,** to rank as such from the first day of November one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of * Corporal by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do strictly charge and require all Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as * Corporal. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as he shall receive from his Superior Officers and Non Commissioned Officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of War.

Given under my hand at Camp Dodge, Iowa this first day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen

Jas P Harbeson

Comdg 3/3 Train & Military Police 88 Div. N.A.

Form No. 152, A.G.O. Ed. Feb. 19 17 25,000.

* Insert grade.

† Insert grade and company and regiment or corps or department; e.g. "Corporal, Company M, 1st Infantry," "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps," "Sergeant, First class, Medical Department."

‡ Insert "Regular Army," "Volunteer Army," "Regular Army Reserve," or "Enlisted Reserve Corps," as the case may be.

CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR 1941—CERKVENI ODBORNIKI

First row: Peter Plut, Anthony Buchar, John Culik, Rev. M. J. Butala, Louis Zeleznikar, Edward Stukel.
Second row: William Vertin, Michael Setina, Albert Skul, Martin Juricic.

Michael Setina (husband of Angela Ursich Setina)
Louis Zeleznikar (husband of Mary Ursich Setina)

From: History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941, page 86[a], page 131[b], also photograph page 126.

Department of the Army
Certificate of Service

Presented to

Michael Setina

in recognition of Fifteen years of Federal Service.

JAN 7 1960

Samuel W. Parnelle, Jr.
Col, Ord Corps
Commanding

DA FORM 2200, 1 FEB 59.

The United States of America

honors the memory of

MICHAEL SETINA

This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Richard Nixon

President of the United States

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

WILLIAM G. STRATTON, GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS

To all to Whom these Presents shall Come: Greeting:

Know Ye That reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, diligence and discretion of

MICHAEL SETINA

I, WILLIAM G. STRATTON, Governor of the State of Illinois, for and in behalf of the People of said State, do Commission him **NOTARY PUBLIC,** *in and for the County of* WILL *residing in the* CITY *of* JOLIET

To have and to hold the said office with all the rights and emoluments thereto legally pertaining, For Four Years.

In Testimony Whereof, *I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Springfield, this* 14TH *day of* MAY *A.D.* 195*7 and of the State of Illinois the* 139TH

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Charles F. Carpentier
SECRETARY OF STATE

William G Stratton
GOVERNOR

Angela M. Setina

Age 99. nee Ursich. At rest October 27, 1997.

Survived by her children, Genevieve (Henry) Graf, Beatrice (late Douglas) Krause, Dorothy (William) Scholtes, Michael (Marilyn) Setina, Joan (late Walter) Kerwin; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Born in Joliet. Preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Amalia (Birsa) Ursich; her husband, Michael Setina; great-granddaughter, Laura Zielinski; her brothers, Michael, Frank and Dr. Joseph E. Ursich; sisters, Sister M. Walburga OSF, Sister, M. Engratia OSF, Amalia Kostelz and Mary Zeleznikar.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish; Vice President and 75 year member of the Altar and Rosary Society; The Rosarian Club; St. Genevieve Society #108 KSKJ; Organizer of St. Joseph's Senior Parishoners, serving as Secretary for 19 years; also, chosen Woman of the Year for Senior Parishoners in 1976 and organized and taught Weaving to St. Joseph's Senior Parishoners. Former President and Financial Secretary of St. Anne's Court WCOF; Member of Senior Services Center of Will County, selected to the Hall of Fame in 1976. Woman of the Year, St. Joseph's Parish, JDCCW, April of 1987. Volunteer Weaver at Our Lady of Angels for many years.

TEZAK FUNERAL HOME

459 N. Ottawa St., Joliet 722-0524 from where services will be held Thursday, October 30 at 9:30 to St. Joseph's Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00. Interment church cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, 2-9 P.M.

Michael Setina

Michael Setina, 78, died at his home at 1015 Wilcox St., June 3 after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 5, from the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home to St. Joseph Catholic Church for a 9 a.m. mass.

Born in Austria, he came to Joliet in 1909. He retired in 1960, after 16 years employment at APSA.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Francis Society No. 29, KSKJ, and Cantigny Post No. 367, VFW.

He was the husband of Angela (nee Ursich); father of Mrs. Henry (Genevieve) Graf, of Chicago; Mrs. Douglas (Beatrice) Krause, of Birmingham, Mich.; Mrs. William (Dorothy) Scholtes, of Joliet; Michael T. Setina, of Decatur, and Mrs. Walter (Joan) Kerwin, of Wheaton, grandfather of 13, and uncle of numerous nephews and nieces.

Preceding in death were his parents, Anton and Frances (Terlep) Setina; five brothers, Anton, Louis, Frank, Joseph and John Setina; and two sisters. Mary Setina and Frances Zaletel.

Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

In Loving Memory of

ANGELA M. SETINA

Born September 4, 1898

At Rest October 27, 1997

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

CROCE Tezak Funeral Home, Joliet

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MICHAEL SETINA

Born August 2, 1892

At Rest June 3, 1971

LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen

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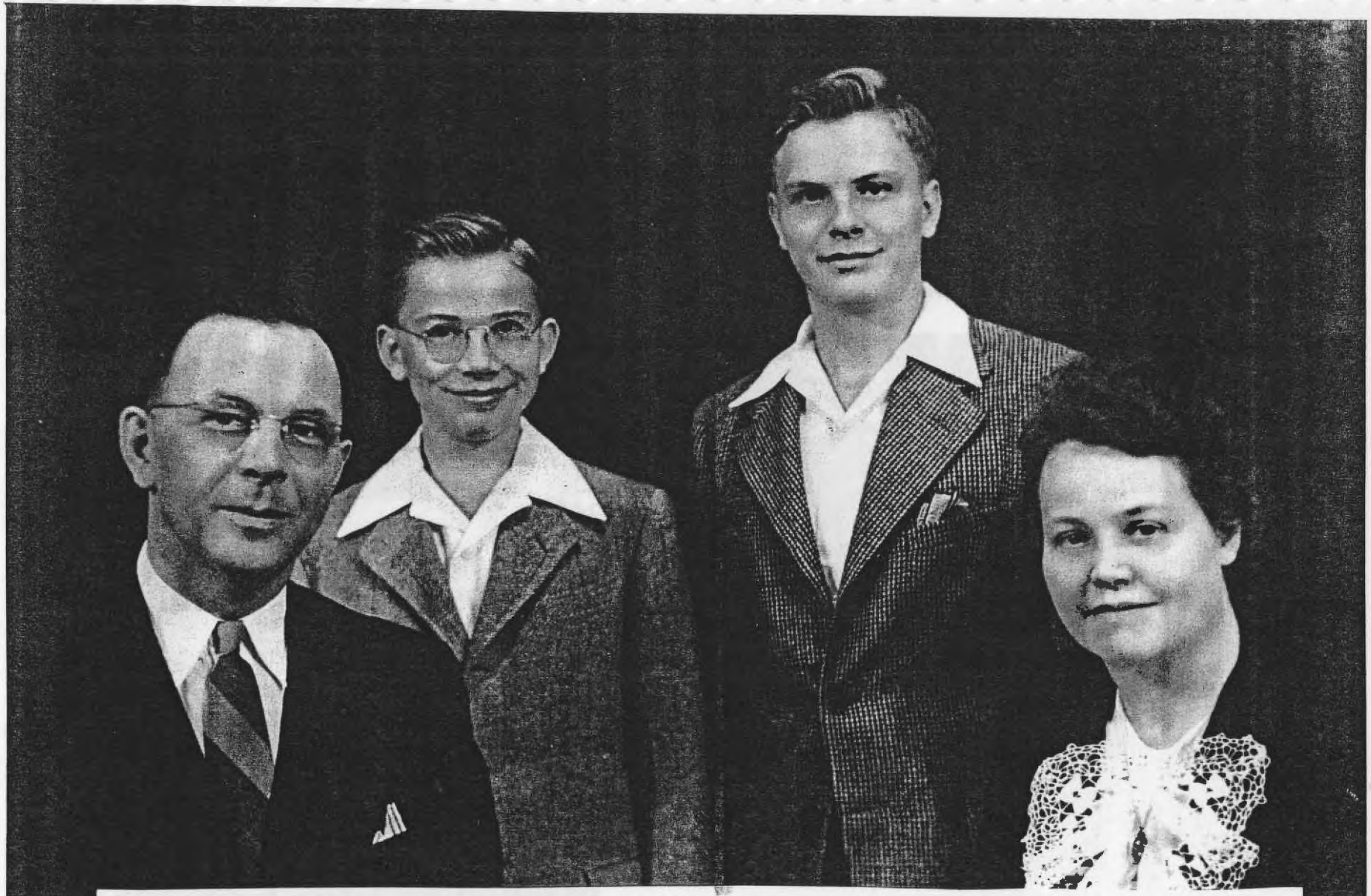
PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Louis Zeleznikar and **Mary[3] Ursich**
(1902 – 1973) (1902 – 1992)
Married November 26, 1930



The Family of Mary Ursich Zeleznikar (about 1945)

Louis Zeleznikar **Richard J.** **Louis J.** **Mary Ursich Zeleznikar**

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P.ART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Mary Ursich marries Louis Zeleznikar

November 26, 1930

Ursich-Zeleznikor.

Miss Mary T. Ursich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ursich, 115 Indiana street, and Louis Zeleznikor, of Chicago, were united in marriage Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's church at a nuptial high mass, with the Rev. M. J. Hiti officiating.

The ceremony was witnessed by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Ursich, of La Grange Park, Ill.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner for the immediate relatives was served in the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Zeleznikor was graduated from the Joliet high school and from the Chicago Normal college. She has been a teacher in the Chicago public schools for several years.

Mr. Zeleznikor has been a supreme officer of the Grand Carnolian Catholic Union for a number of years and after January 1, he will take office as supreme treasurer of the G. C. C. U.

They left for a wedding trip to Florida and after January 1, they will make their home in Joliet.

MR. L. ZELEZNIKAR WILL WED

Announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Mary Ursich to Mr. Louis Zeleznikar, November 26th. The nuptial ceremony will take place at St. Joseph's Church, Joliet, Ill., Rev. J. Plevnik officiating.

Miss Ursich is the sister of Dr. J. E. Ursich, while Mr. Zeleznikar is supreme treasurer-elect of the KSKJ. Mr. Zeleznikar served as a member of the supreme board of trustees, prior to his election to the office of treasurer. Our Page extends to the couple congratulations and well wishes for the future

Wedding Announcements in Slovenian

Iz Chicaga in Jolieta smo prejeli včeraj veselo novico, da se bo dne 26. novembra v cerkvi sv. Jožefa v Jolietu, Ill., poročil sobrat Louis Železnikar z Miss Mary Ursich. Sv. mašo in poročne obrede bo opravil domači g. župnik Rev. John Plevnik, za priče bosta pa nevestin brat Dr. J. E. Ursich in njegova gospa soproga.

Brat Železnikar je živel več let v Chicagu, ter je agilno opravljal tajniške posle društva sv. Štefana št. 1 KSKJ. Tako je bil tudi zadnja štiri leta glavni nadzornik naše Jednote; na zadnji konvenciji v Waukeganu je bil pa izvoljen za Jednotinega blagajnika. V nekaj tednih se bo preselil za stalno v Joliet.

Za svojo življenisko družico si je izbral gdč. Mary Uršičevo, iz znane ter ugledne družine Ursich, živeče v Jolietu.

Naj veljajo temu srečnemu zakonskemu paru naše najiskrenejše čestitke. Mnogo sreče, uspeha in blagoslova božjega v zakonskem stanu!

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HIMEN

V sredo ob 9. uri dopoldne, 26. novembra, se poročita v Jolietu v slovenski cerkvi sv. Jožefa ženin g. Louis Železnikar z nevesto gdč. Mary Uršič. Oba, tako ženin kakor nevesta sta dobro poznana slovenski javnosti. Ženin je večletni tajnik dr. sv. Štefana št. 1 KSKJ. v Chicagi in je na zadnji konvenciji bil izvoljen za bodočega gl. blagajnika KSKJ. Nevesta pa prihaja rodom iz ugledne Uršičeve družine v Jolietu in je zelo naobraženo dekle. V Chicagi je bila nastavljena kot učiteljica kakih 9 let in je sestra slovenskega zdravnika Dr. J. E. Uršiča v Chicagi. Po poroki bo sledilo ženitovanjsko gostovanje pri starših v Jolietu, katerega se udeleže bližnji in ožji sorodniki. Potem pa, kakor čujemo, jo poročenca mahneta v prijazno solnčno Florido na medeno potovanje. Mlademu paru želimo mnogo sreče in blagoslova v novem stanu!

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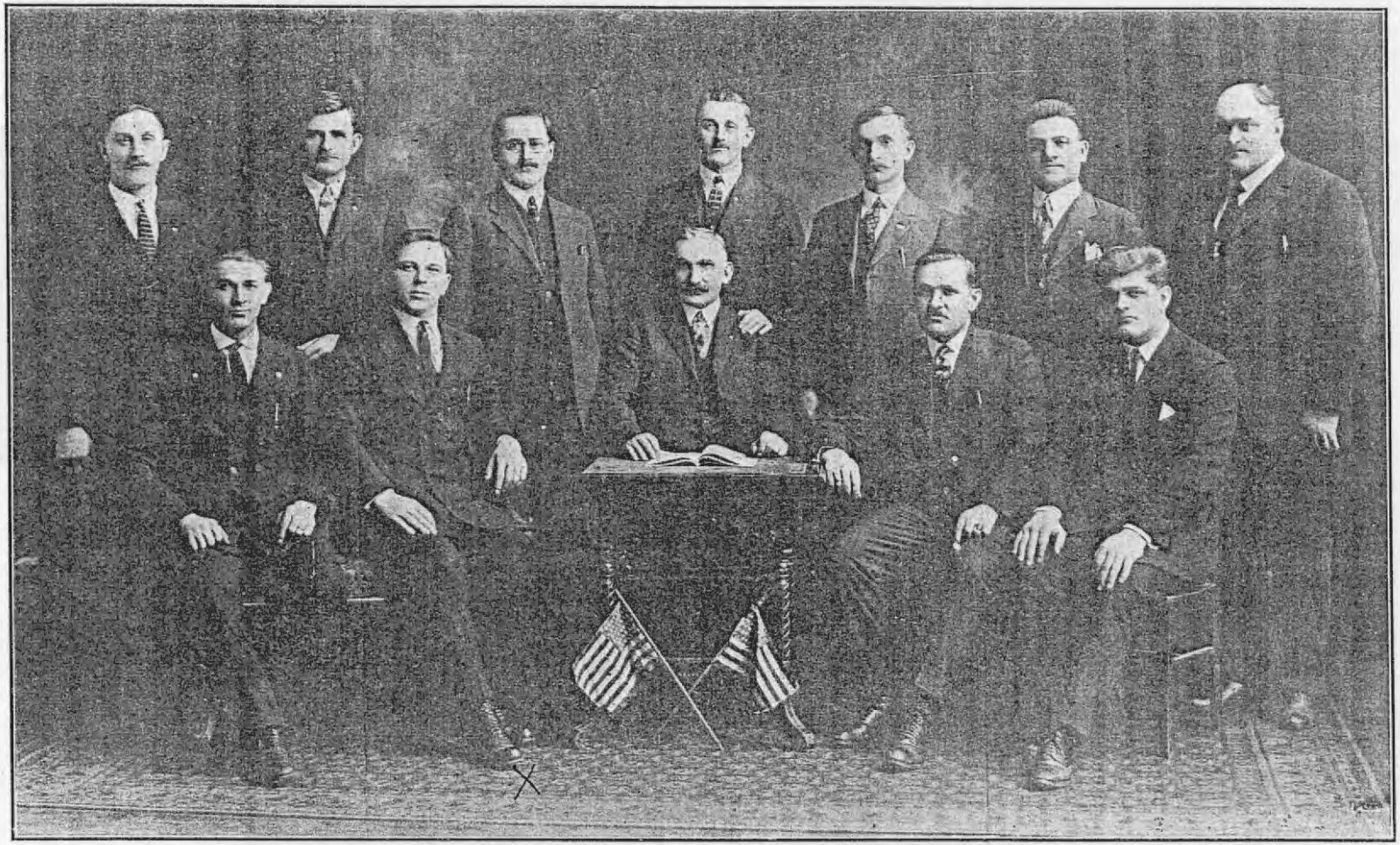
Kdor se brani časopisa, ta se brani znanja in to v lastno škodo.



Odborniki društva sv. Štefana, št. 1. Chicago, Ill.

Sedeči v prvi vrsti od leve na desno: Andrew Glavach, nadzornik; Louis Železnikar, tajnik; John Zefran, predsednik; Frank Grill, blagajnik; Joe Sluga ml. nadzornik. Stoječi od leve na desno: Anton Zidarich, vratar, Louis Bobich, nadzornik; John Gutlieb, zapisnikar; John Tomše, zastavonoša; Joe Zupančič, podpredsednik; Math Tomše, maršal; Joe Sluga, st., zastavonoša.

St. Steven's Lodge (Chicago) – Louis – second from left, front – ca 1924

Louis Zeleznikar at 22

Mary at her desk at Cooper School (Chicago) ca 1924

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Michael and Louis – 1924
(Michael sponsored Louis's immigration)

Louis's twin brother Tony –
(never left Slovenia)

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LOUIS ZELEZNIKAR

BVM Lodge To Observe Anniversary

Louis Zeleznikar, of Joliet, Ill., general secretary of the 95,000-member KSKJ, Slovenian fraternal organization, will speak at a banquet celebrating the 40th anniversary of BVM Lodge 235 in Portland, at Linnea Hall, 2066 NW Irving, at 6:30 p.m. on April 24.

Charter members of the group expected at the celebration are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Knez and Sam Nizic. Nizic was first president of the lodge. Knez is honorary president of the celebration.

Robert Polich will be master of ceremonies. Other general committeemen include Rudy Bencich, current president of the group; John Jadresic, Matt Suvalso, Angela De Gregorio, Anka Perisich, Mrs. J. Marnelli and Mrs. Knez.

Representing Fraternal Benefit Societies, which has proclaimed the week of June 14-20 as National Fraternal Week are (seated from left) Helen Sternisha, Slovene National Benefit Society; Mayor Maurice Berlinsky; Josephine Ozbolt, Croatian Fraternal Union; (standing) Louis Zeleznikar, American Slovenian Catholic Union; Martin H. Laufer, Aid Association for Lutherans; Lena Sallese, Women's Catholic Order of Foresters and Anthony Lilek, American Fraternal Union. Mayor Berlinsky made the official proclamation locally.

Mayor Maurice Berlinsky proclaimed the week of Jun 20 as Fraternal Week in junction with a similar pr mation made by the Nati Fraternal Congress of Ame

Local fraternal organizat will give a special observ to Flag Day, today, as opening day of Fraternal W

The local fraternal u members of the Fraternal efit Societies, the national include: the Slovene Nati Benefit Society, Croatian ternal Union. American Slov an Catholic Union (K.S.K. Aid Association for Luther Women's Catholic Order of esters and the American Fra nal Union.

The local lodges of the Fra nal Benefit System are dev to charitable, beneficial, pa otic and benevolent purpo They make provisions for care of the sick and needy are active in civic and comm ity undertakings for the bet ment of the public health general welfare of the peopl

26th General

K S K J CONVENTION

Cleveland, Ohio

August 22, 1966

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Mary T. Ursich (1902 - 1992)
daughter of Amalia[2] Birsa and Michael Ursich

ZELEZNIKAR, MARY T.
(NEE URSICH)

Age 89. Friday, January 17, 1992 at Saint Joseph Medical Center. Former resident of Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home. Born in Joliet, and a life long area resident. Member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Joliet, and Saint Genevieve Lodge #108 K.S.K.J. An active volunteer for Saint Joseph's Medical Center in the mid 70's for approximately 10 years. Preceded in death by her husband, Louis Zeleznikar (1973); three sisters, Molly Kostelz, Sr. Walburga O.S.F., and Sr. Engratia O.S.F.; one brother, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich M.D. Surviving are two sons, Louis J. (Arlene) Zeleznikar, retired Colonel U.S. Army of McLean, VA, and Richard (Nancy) Zeleznikar of Huntington Beach, CA; four grandsons, Richard (Jennifer) of Cleveland, OH, Steven of Atlanta, GE, Alan (Kirsten) of Huntington Beach, CA, and Paul Zeleznikar of Costa Mesa, CA; three great grandchildren; one sister, Angela Setina of Joliet; numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Visitation for Mary T. Zeleznikar will be Sunday, January 19, 1992 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, 1201 Wyoming Ave. from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services Monday, January 20 at O.L.A. Chapel for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Committal prayers will immediately follow Mass. Private interment will be Tuesday at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Joliet. In lieu of flowers memorials in her memory to Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements by:
FRED C. DAMES WEST CHAPEL
3200 Black at Essington Rd., Joliet
For information, 741-5500

ZELEZNIKAR, LOUIS
Age 70

At Saint Joseph Hospital. Thursday, Feb. 8. Late of 800 Winthrop Ave. After a brief illness. He was born in Yugoslavia, a lifelong Joliet resident. Recently retired supreme secretary of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.), past president of the Illinois Fraternal Congress. He is survived by his wife, Mary T. (nee Ursich); her 2 sons, Lt. Col. Louis J., U.S. Army of Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, Richard J. of South Gate, Calif.; 4 grandchildren; 1 brother, Rev. Michael Zeleznikar of St. Roch's Parish, LaSalle, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers, Jacob, Martin, John and Anton, and 2 sisters, Ursula and Mary. He is a member of St. John the Baptist No. 143 K.S.K.J., 4th degree Knights of Columbus No. 382, Holy Family Society No. 1 D.S.D., Western Slavanic Assn., former secretary and member of the Holy Name Society which will meet Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. to recite the Rosary. Remains are resting at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Center at Campbell Streets. Funeral services Monday, Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m. to St. Joseph Church at 9. Interment in the church cemetery. Visitation Saturday from 7-9 and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9. (11)

Former Sup. Sec'y. Louis Zeleznikar Passed Away On Thursday, February 8

Mr. Louis Zeleznikar, former Supreme Secretary of our American Slovenian Catholic Union – KSKJ, died on Thursday evening, February 8, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

Mr. Louis Zeleznikar

The Funeral Mass was offered at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church on Monday, February 12.

Mr. L. Zeleznikar had been a supreme officer of KSKJ for over 45 years, the last 13 of them as Supreme Secretary.

All officers, members and friends offer their deepest sympathies to his bereaved wife and family. May God bless him with eternal peace and happiness.

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
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Sister M. Walburga Ursich
(Dorothy Ursich)

November 25, 1905
March 12, 1958

Sister M. Engratia Ursich
(Anna Ursich)

February 24, 1900
January 6, 1985

Joliet 2dr. Feb 14-44

Draga mi Kčerka!
St. M. Volburga.

Najpervo te prav lepo pozdravjamo, preg nego ti kaj druziga pisem. Dozdaj smo biti brez snega in tudi zime nismo imeli. v sobato smo pa dobili pravo zimo in snega. da smo samo v hiši. Vendar nam seni ni če kako si ti kaj počneš upam da si zdrava kar je se najbolje kadar kaj nam pišeš daj nam znat kaj bi rada za Veliko noč kar čas se približuje za postni čas in met tem časom spet ne zvemo nicesar od tebe kakor ne ti od mene Engritia ti bo poslala zdaj enkrat Valentin nekaj od nas

Na drugi strani

Tudi ti dam vedit prisodni
počitnice pridi nam sla bos
pomala nam delit se (moved)
per zadni tedemi smo prodali
naš dom, pogodli smo se za
$ 6000. dol: šest tisoč. in bomo
mogli it na 8th. Cora st.
Nise vse v redu pa upam da
bo ukrathem, public service
so krupili.
Zdaj' ti pa tudi dam znat
daje v nedelja umrla Terezija
Kluso. Vat Josep spitalu

Še daj' druziga ti nimam
ja pisat per nič nevem
negrem pa tudi nikamor
Tudi ti morem še dole
za pisat da nikomur ne
daj' nič povedat da smo
hišo prodali per zdaj še

ni vse v redu in tudi da
Klajnikova ne gre o tem
ker tukaj se nobeden ne ve
nič otem drugi katoličanski
Paj angin novic ti nimam
za poročat ker vidim
zaključim svoje pisanje
ker ti prav srčno pozdravi
jeva ter ostajava
tvoja
Ma & pa

From
421. Indiana St
Joliet Ills.

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NATIONS UNITED FOR VICTORY

St. M. Waburga
685 Mohawk St
Columbus
Ohio.

My dear daughter,

First of all, let me very nicely greet you before I write anything else. Up to now, we were without snow and we also didn't have a winter. On Saturday we got a real winter and snow, so that we are housebound. But it still is not critical. How are you feeling? I hope that you are healthy, which is the most important. When you write to us, let us know what you want for East, because the time is getting closer to Lenten time and between that time we again don't find out anything from you nor you from me. Engritia will send you a valentine soon now. Something from us. I am also letting you know, this coming vacation, you come here so that you will help us move, because last week we sole our house, we negotiated for $6000 down: six thousand and we will have to go to 807 Cora St.

Everything is not all in order yet, but I hope that it will be shortly. Public service bought it.

I am also letting you know that Terezija Russ died on Sunday in St. Joseph hospital.

I don't have any more to write to you, since I don't know anything. I don't go anywhere. I have to tell you this too, not to mention to anybody that we sold the house, because not everything is all set yet, and that (the lady) Flajnik doesn't find out about it, because here no one knows about it yet except the family. Other news I don't have to forward to you, and with this I conclude my writing, and most sincerely greet you and remain yours,

Ma & Pa

On the envelope:
Stamp date is February 15, 1944 Joliet

From 421 Indiana Street, Joliet, Ills.

To: St. M. Waburga, 685 Mohawk St., Columbus, Ohio

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Dorothy[3] Ursich (1905 - 1958), daughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich and Michael Ursich

Joliet Kay Jays Mourn Death Of Sr. Walburga

Joliet, Ill. — Sister M. Walburga, O.S.F., 52, the former Dorothy Ursich of Joliet, died Wed., March 12th at the St. Francis Convent infirmary at 520 Plainfield Road.

She had been ill since June and had undergone surgery.

A teacher for almost 30 years, Sister Walburga was a member of the St. Joseph's Parochial school faculty for 10 years. She taught high school for about 15 years.

Born in Joliet, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Amelia Ursich. In 1925, she joined the postulate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate at Joliet. Three years later, she made her first vows and in 1931 took her final vows.

One of her earlier teaching assignments was at St. John's Parochial school here where she spent a year.

For nine years ,she taught at St. Mary's High School in Columbus, O., and for six years was at St. Peter's High School in Mansfield, O.

Surviving are four sisters, Sister M. Engratia, O.S.F., who is stationed at Aurora, Ill.; Amelia now Mrs. John Kostelz, Mary now Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar; and Angela now Mrs. Michael Setina, all of Joliet; and several nieces and nephews.

Bishop Martin D. McNamara presided at the funeral Mass Friday morning March 14, at 9:30 o'clock in the convent chapel. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Sr. Walburga, Teacher Many Years, Dies

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Bishop Martin D. McNamara will preside at the funeral mass Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the convent chapel. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Friends may call at the convent at 520 Plainfield Ave., after noon today.

To Sister M. Walburga Staffers Send Valentine

Frilly hearts 'n' flowers will reach Sister M. Walburga's bedside in Joliet sometime today. The *Key* staffers invaded Fannie Farmer and Ritter's and hoped that her day would be a happier one for the remembrance from her city.

As for Sister's condition—she remains about the same. Doctors cannot promise her anything beyond the living day. Years of hard unremitting labor toughened her constitution and are responsible for her tenuous hold on life.

To the alumni still faithfully inquiring about Sister, goes this message: Keep on writing; keep on praying; keep on asking. Send her bits of news about the family. Anything about the new high school is especially welcome since that was her dream-come-true to SPHers.

JESUS! MARY! JOSEPH

Those that instruct many to justice shall shine as stars for all eternity.
— Dan. 12, 3.

SISTER M. WALBURGA, OSF
(Dorothy Ursich)
Born November 25, 1905
Died March 12, 1958

Of your Charity
Pray for the repose of her Soul

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the soul of Thy departed servant the remission of all her sins, that through pious supplication she may obtain the pardon she has always desired. O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct her to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

My Jesus Mercy.—300 Days.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!—300 Days.

Merciful Jesus, grant the departed eternal rest.—7 Years and 7 Quarantines.

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December 14, 1956

Requiescat in Pace

Former Faculty Member, Sister Walburga, Dies in Joliet, March 12

It could have happened anytime these last few months—but Sister M. Walburga died on March 12, a week away from her favorite feast, St. Joseph's Day, patron of a happy death. Sister died quietly at 5:20 a.m. (Mansfield time), in Joliet, at the Convent of St. Francis. In a matter of minutes, the news reached St. Peter's, and the 6 o'clock Mass was immediately offered for her by the Rev. A. Spitzig, C.PP.S.

Since Sister Walburga had dedicated the last five years of her life (1952-1957) to St. Peter's, both the pastor and the principal of SPH attended her funeral at the Convent on March 14, 9:30 a.m. Thirty-two years of her life were spent in religion. Only in the last year of her active teaching career of 29 years did she succumb to the disease, cancer of the liver, which caused her death.

For the past 10 months, from June to March, St. Peter's has been following Sister's every breath. Surgery in June at Mansfield-General had determined the hopelessness of her case. It was then, in particular, that Mansfield took Sister to heart and cherished her every known wish. Friends and alumni deluged her with little attentions up to her last feast-day on February 25.

From that date on, Sister slipped downward fast. Cheerful and resigned to her early death, she accepted the pain of her illness with touches of humor characteristic of her personality. Almost to the end, friends, thoughtful of her needs, received tiny typewritten thank-you notes.

Sister M. Walburga, O. S. F.

Here, at SPH, Sister was the senior homeroom teacher and head of the business department. Besides a full schedule, she managed all the financial drives associated with class gifts to the school and parish. An extra-curricular activity she enjoyed was directing the senior class play. Her last production, a period piece in full costume, "Anne Laurie," seemed to meet her standards of performance. She always spoke of this play with pleasure and pride.

Sister openly admitted that SPHers had won her heart with their unspoiled enthusiasm and general cooperativeness. Often they were a challenge to her waning physical strength. A strict taskmaster, it did not take the ordinary senior more than a month to pry beneath her reserve and hit the stuff of her real personality.

Many a grad can recall Sister's clown act. With poker-grim face, this nun-version of "Mama" on the "I-Remember-Mama" TV program could put SPHers in stitches with everything from her Swedish accent to the brogue.

SPH extends sympathy to her sister-in-religion, Sister M. Engratia, in a special sense. Three other sisters survive her. Before Christmas, 1956, Sister's Mother died; her daughter, almost two years later. The alumni, charged with an understanding of Sister's personality, also proffer their consolation to the immediate family. May Sister M. Walburga, the handmaid of God, rest in peace!

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For those who have been faithful, O Lord,
life is not ended, but merely changed.

January 9, 1985

Dear Sisters,

With that same dignity with which she had lived her earthly life, Sister Engratia slipped peacefully and calmly to her eternal life at 6:30 p.m. on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th.

Ann Ursich grew up in the Joliet community, a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Parish. Born on February 24, 1900, she would have celebrated her 85th birthday in just a few weeks.

St. Joseph's school and parish in Joliet were certainly much more than the scenes of many pleasant youthful memories for Sister Engratia, as she spent an additional 23 years of ministerial life there, teaching in the primary grades and doing the church work she always considered such a vital part of her service. Many recall the pride she took in arranging and decorating the altars during her many festive seasons there.

Sister Engratia was a warm and loving woman, grounded in a very deep and personal faith. In a recent visit she asked prayerful support that she would be "faithful to the end." Those of us who spent time with Sister Engratia during her last days are confident of that fidelity, firm and unshaken. Her dying moments were as gracious as those she shared with us during her more active days.

Sister Engratia reached out to many people and, as a result, the list of friends and of people who cared deeply for her is a long one.

A real specialist in handiwork, her crocheted infant sets were known and much sought after. As she felt her strength wanning over the months, she was alert to opportunities to train and teach others the art, so that the tradition might be carried on.

We offer our sympathy to her sisters, Angela and Mary, and to the other family members, as well as to her many friends and loved ones. We celebrate with gratitude the many ways in which Sister Engratia touched our living and our being. May the Lord of Life give her the joy and peace of His Presence forever.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Governing Board

SISTER M. ENGRATIA URSICH (ANNA)

Born:	February 24, 1900
Parents:	Michael and Amelia (Birsa) Ursich
Postulancy:	January 31, 1921
Novitiate:	August 12, 1921
First Profession:	August 12, 1923
Final Profession:	August 12, 1926
Age:	84 years old; in religious life 63 years

Ministry:

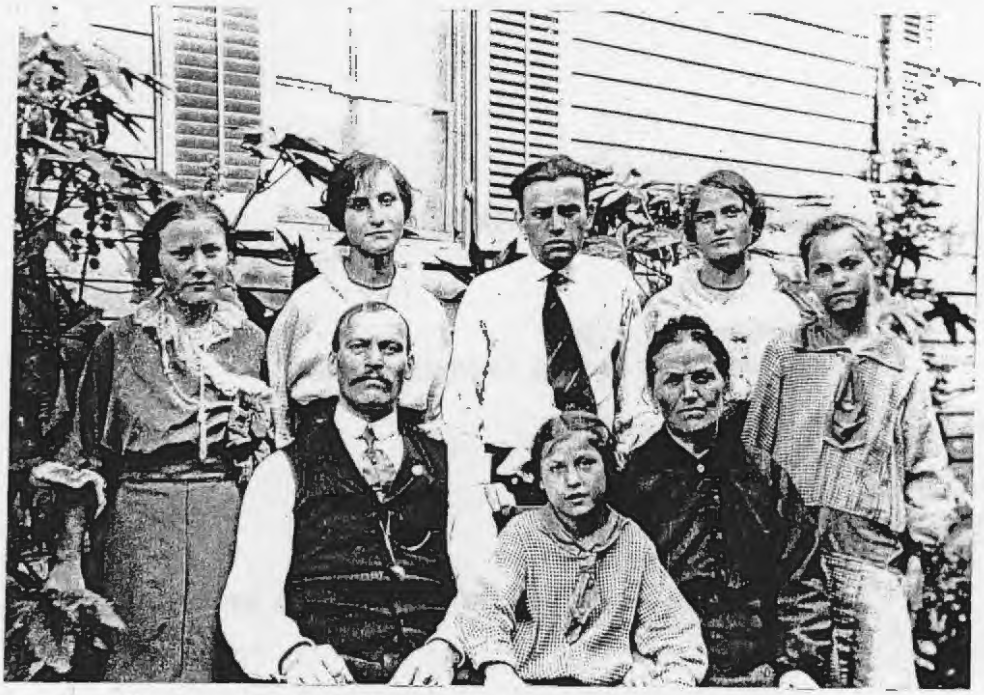
1923 - 1924	St. Peter, Mansfield, OH Grade 3
1924 - 1925	Holy Family, Cleveland, OH, Grade 3
1925 - 1948	St. Joseph, Joliet, IL Grades 2,3,4,5
1948 - 1957	SS Peter & Paul, Chicago, IL Grades 1 & 2
1957 - 1959	Annunciation, Aurora, IL, Grades 1 & 2
1959 - 1964	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH, Grade 3
1964 - 1965	St. Michael, Sigel, IL Grades 2-3
1965 - 1969	Immaculate Conception, Columbus, OH Grade 2
1969 - 1970	St. John, Joliet, IL, Grade 2
1970 - 1971	St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet, IL
1971 - 1975	St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL, Tutoring Program
1975 - 1985	Our Lady of Angels, Joliet, IL

Died: Sunday, January 6, 1985 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Joliet, IL.

Wake: Wednesday, January 9, 1985, 2 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels, Mass of Resurrection at 7:00 p.m. Prayer service at 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels

Burial: Procession will leave Our Lady of Angels at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 1985 for burial services and interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, Joliet.

Survived by two sisters, Mary Zeleznikar and Angela Setina, both of Joliet.



The family of Michael and Amalija (Birsa) Ursich
Outside the family home, circa 1912

Standing: **Ann, Angela, Joseph, Molly, and Mary**
Seated: **Michael, Dorothy, Amalija**

The Ursich Sisters
In the backyard of the family home, circa 1916

Standing: **Molly, Ann, and Angela**
Seated: **Dorothy and Mary**

PART I CHAPTER 1 SECTION 1

Amalija [2] Birsa – Michael Ursich Family

Fourth Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

1131 JOSEPH A.[4]URSICH (Joseph E.[3], Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 November 1925 and died 22 June 1951, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is buried at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois. He was Married 02 June 1951, Saint Augustine Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to BEVERLY EISCH. He and his wife went to Acapulco, Mexico for a brief honeymoon. He was stricken with poliomyelitis after his return and died in an iron lung a week later. He was a graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine, 1948, and was one of the youngest students to complete the course. He was preparing to enter the research Department of Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, and to take up a fellowship awarded him by the American Cancer Society. His father set up the Dr. Joseph A. Ursich fund of Northwestern University in his memory.

1141 MARY ANN[4] KOSTELZ (Amelia[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 31 July 1931 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, and died at the age of 56 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was married to HAROLD EUGENE THOMURE. Mary Ann was a graduate of Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, Illinois; Joliet Township High School, 19__; Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois. She taught in Joliet and in Michigan.

11411 Victoria[3] THOMURE (Kalamazoo, MI)

11412 Harold Joseph Thomure

11413 Deborah Thomure (Greg Layman) (Phoenix, Arizona)

CHILDREN OF ANGELA URSICH SETINA

1151 GENEVIEVE MARY[4] SETINA GRAF (Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 10 May 1921, Joliet, Will county, Illinois. She was married 21 December 1948 to HENRY GRAF, born 2 September 1918, Chicago, Illinois, son of Henry Heart Graf Sr. [b. 26 March 1894, Chicago, IL – d. 14 September 1978, Chicago, IL] and Hazel Springer [b. 19 October 1891, Chicago, IL – d. 09 December 1975 Chicago, IL]. Genevieve graduated from Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, IL 1934; Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, 1938, Chicago State University, Chicago,

IL 1972, B.A. in History. She was secretary to the Business Manager, University of Illinois Medical School; secretary to the Dean of the College of Commerce, University of Illinois, Chicago; social studies teacher, Academy of Our Lady, Chicago, IL. Genevieve enjoys interior decorating, gardening, photography, art, politics, history, reading and antiques.

11511 John Matthew[5] GRAF	b. 06 July 1953
11512 Mark Andrew Graf	b. 21 September 1954
11513 Kurt Michael Graf	b. 17 December 1959
11514 Hugh Lincoln Graf	b. 01 October 1962

1152 BEATRICE ANN[4] SETINA KRAUSE (Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 31 July 1922, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 29 September 1956 to DOUGLAS P. KRAUSE, the son of Paul Krause.Beatrice graduated from Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, IL 1935, Saint Francis Academy, 1939.

Doug was a graduate of University of Chicago, December 1942, B.S. in chemistry. He was hired by the Atomic energy commission and worked with Nobel Prize winner, Enrico Fermi. He worked at Oakridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, developing plutonium, 1944 –1948 and for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, New York. Doug was employed by Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois until 1961, when he was recruited by General Motors. Doug worked for GM as senior research chemist in the Physics Department until his retirement in 1983. He won the Arch Colwell Memorial Award for his patent on "Radiometric Oil Consumption Method", March 1967. This method for measuring oil consumption in automotive engines was a cooperative effort between the General Motors Research Physics Department and the Cadillac Motor Car Division. Doug was a member of the American Chemical Society and a member of Sigma Xi Scientific Fraternity.

Reference:
Lab Notes, March-April 1966, General Motors Research Laboratories, Warren, Michigan.

1153 DOROTHY ROBERTA[4] SETINA SCHOLTES (Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 23 July 1924, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She died 23 June 2001, Joliet, Illinois, and is buried at Saint John's Cemetery, Joliet, IL. She was married 05 July 1944, Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Illinois to WILLIAM FRANCIS "Bill" SCHOLTES. William was born 20 June 1923, at the family home in Joliet, IL, son of Nicolas Scholtes [b. 20 July 1880, Mertzig, Luxembourg; d. 27 January 1956] and Barbara Fonck [b. 18 October 1884, Ettelbruck, Luxembourg; d. 6 August 1924, Joliet, IL].

Dorothy graduated from Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, IL 1938, Joliet Township High School, 1942. Dorothy worked for Carnegie Illinois Steel, secretary to the assistant superintendent 1943-44; Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks as secretary to the chief planning engineer, 1944-46; United States

Unemployment compensation Office, secretary to the director, 1946-49. Dorothy enjoyed flower drying and pressing. She loved gardening, raising over 70 varieties of hybrid daylilies. Dorothy was a founding member of the Joliet Quilters Guild 1982-2001, serving as historian from 1983-1999. She was a talented quilter, creating quilts for each of her grandchildren and completing many full size quilts.

Bill graduated from the Guardian Angel Home grade school, Joliet, Illinois 1936; Joliet Catholic High School, 1940. He completed courses at Joliet Junior College, Lewis University, College of Saint Frances and Iowa State University. Bill is a graduate of the Joliet School of Electronics. During World War II he served as train dispatcher with the 724th Railway Operating Battalion from 1943-46 in Europe. He also served with the 69th Chemical Smoke Generator Company as Platoon Officer in Korea 1950-52. Bill was employed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America from 1946 to 1986.

11531 Paul William[5] SCHOLTES b. 22 November 1949
11532 Jean Marie Scholtes Zielinski b. 04 October 1952
11533 Luanne Scholtes Burns b. 15 April 1954
11534 Nicholas John Scholtes b. 11 April 1964

1154 MICHAEL THOMAS[4] SETINA (Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 September 1928, Joliet, Will county, Illinois. He was married 19 August 1961, Sacred Heart church, Decatur, Macon County, Illinois to MARILYN CLARA LARSON, the daughter of Cordelia Smith. Michael graduated from Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, IL 1942; Joliet Township High School 1946; Illinois State Normal University 1952. Michael was a member of the faculty at Stephen Decatur High School, Decatur, Illinois 19__ - 19__. He served with the United States Army, 25th Infantry Division in Korea from _____ -_____. His outfit entered the fighting in July 1950 and had been in Korea longer than any other American division.

11541 Julie[5] SETINA Cashman b. 04 June 1962
11542 Christopher Setina b. 24 February 1966

1155 JOAN ANGELA[4] SETINA KERWIN (Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 March 1932, Joliet, Will county, Illinois. She was married 16 June 1975 to WALTER KERWIN, born 26 September 1923, Chicago, Illinois; died 28 July 1994, Naperville, Illinois. Walter was the son of Frank Kerwin and Marie Lota Kerwin. Joan graduated from Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, IL 1946; Joliet Township High School 1950; Joliet Junior College 1950-51; College of Dupage, GlenEllyn, Illinois 1983-85, Associates of Art; Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 1987, B. A.; Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, Illinois 1988-89. Joan worked for caterpillar Tractor Company, Joliet, Illinois 1952-55 as cashier, at the switchboard and in accounts payable. She was a stewardess with United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois 1955-57.
Joan is a licensed pilot with commercial and instrument ratings. She is involved since 1972 with the International Women Pilots Organization, serving in various

leadership capacities in local, regional and international offices. Joan was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame 24 April 2002 [See details in Scrapbook of Fourth Generation Descendants , pages 173 a & b].She loves to travel.

11551	**Peter M. [5] KERWIN**	b. 31 July 1958
11532	**Amy Marie Kerwin Beesley**	b. 01 November 1959
11553	**Walter F. Kerwin**	b. 15 December 1960

Setina Sisters
Beatrice, born July 31, 1922
Dorothy, born July 23, 1924
Genevieve, born May 10, 1921

CHILDREN OF MARY[3] URSICH ZELEZNIKAR

1171 LOUIS J[4] ZELEZNIKAR (Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 08 February 1932 Joliet, Will County, Illinois; died 19 February 1992. He was married November 1954, Fort Monmouth Army Chapel, Eaton Town, Monmouth County, New Jersey to ARLENE SCHUPPENHAUER, born 27 March 1931, Rogers Park, Illinois. Arlene was the daughter of William E. Schuppenhauer [b. 4 April 1899; d. 4 June 1988] and Eva J. Rowlett [b. 21 January 1898; d. 26 march 1945. Louis graduated from Saint Joseph's Grade School, Joliet, Illinois, 1945; Joliet Township High School, 1949; University of Illinois, B.S. in management, 1953; George Washington University Washington, D.C., M.S. 1977. Louis served with the United States Army in the signal corps from June 1953 to December 1977, achieving the rank of Colonel. He retired and worked in telecommunications. His hobbies included coaching and philatelics.

11711 Richard L.[5] ZELEZNIKAR b. 13 June 1958, Honolulu, Hawaii
11712 Steven L. Zeleznikar b. 31 December 1961, Joliet, IL

1172 RICHARD J[4] ZELEZNIKAR (Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 08 December 1933 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 09 August 1958, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Joliet, Illinois to NANCY JEAN HIATT, born 24 March 1934, Brookings, South Dakota, the daughter of Lindley Hiatt [bb. 17 July 1910, Nebraska] and Virginia Lienhart Hiatt [b. 22 January 1913, Nebraska]. Richard was a graduate of Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 1947; Joliet Township High School, 1951; University of Illinois. Richard served with the United States Army, Signal Corps at Fort Gordon, Georgia and Fort Monmouth, New Jersey from 13 June 1955 to 12 June 1957. He worked as a metallurgical engineer for Douglas Aircraft Company, serving as lead engineer for the MD-80 program. He retired January 198. Richard enjoys trap/skeet shooting and photography.

11721 Alan Richard[5] ZELEZNIKAR b. 02 June 1961
11722 Paul James Zeleznikar b. 04 November 1963

PART I CHAPTER 1 SECTION 2

Amalija [2] Birsa – Michael Ursich Family

Fifth Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

11411 VICTORIA ANN[5] (Vickie) THOMURE (Mary Ann[4] Kostelz, Amelia[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 2 July 1957 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

114111 Amanda[6] THOMURE b. 02 July 1957

11412 HAROLD JOSEPH[5] THOMURE (Mary Ann[4] Kostelz, Amelia[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 March 1959 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

11413 DEBORAH[5] THOMURE (Mary Ann[4] Kostelz, Amelia[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 05 February 1962 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois.. She was married to Greg Layman. They live in Phoenix, Arizona

DIVISION 1 - GRANDCHILDREN OF ANGELA URSICH SETINA

Children of Genevieve[4] Setina Graf

11511 JOHN MATTHEW[5] GRAF (Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1])was born 06 July 1953, Evanston, Cook County, Illinois. He was married (1) on 23 December 1972, Chicago, Illinois to Colette C. Corrigan. Divorced 1993. He was married (2) July 5, 1997, California to Leola Eileen (Lee) Bruyer. John is a graduate of Mendel Catholic H.S., Chicago, IL 1971; University of Illinois-Chicago, 1971-72; National University, B.S. Information Systems, 1996. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps June 1972, trained as an avionics specialist. John was promoted to Warrant Officer 1978, and retired as Captain, 1992. He is presently employed as a consultant on information systems. John enjoys scuba diving, motorcycle and dirt bike riding, camping. He is presently involved in horseback riding and ranching.

115111 Lisa[6] GRAF b. 20 May 1977
115111 Kristofor[6] GRAF b. 07 March 1975

11512 MARK ANDREW [5] GRAF (Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 21 September 1954 in Evanston, Cook County, Illinois. He was married 31 December 1986 in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California to BETTINA KOONTZ, born 30 May 1947 in Indiana. Bettina is the daughter of

Barnett William Koontz [b. 26 December 1919, Indiana - d. 31 January 1988, California] and Mary Alice Phend Koontz [b. 03 May 1915, Indiana]. Mark is a graduate of University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, 1975, B.S.; University of Illinois College of Law, 1979, J.D. Mark is a lawyer in the firm Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, Los angeles, California.

115121 William Henry[6] GRAF b. 18 April, 1989

11513 KURT MICHAEL [5] GRAF (Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1])was 17 December 1959, Evergreen Park, Cook County, Illinois. He is a graduate of Saint Cajetan Elementary School, Chicago, Illinois 1974; Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois 1978; Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois 1983, B. S. in Biology; DePaul Law School, Chicago, Illinois, 1989, J.D. Kurt is a self-employed salesman for educational materials. His hobbies include home repair and restoration and travel.

11514 HUGH LINCOLN [5] GRAF (Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1])was born 01 October 1962, Evergreen Park, Cook County, Illinois. He was married 10 October 1992, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois to DONNA DOMANSKI, born 04 march 1961, Gary, Indiana. Donna is the daughter of Stefan Domanski [b. 12 November 1919, Gary Indiana; d. 28 February 1963, Gary, Indiana] and Henrietta Growchowski [b. 31 October 1924, Gary, Indiana]. Hugh is a graduate of Saint Cajetan Grade School, Chicago, Illinois 1976; Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois 1980; Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois BA 1985. Hugh was employed 10 years as a radio announcer and producer, including WXRT-FM in Chicago, Illinois (1992-94). He obtained a series 3 Commodity Broker License in 1997, and worked in the commodities business in Pompano Beach, Florida until early 1999. He also worked as news anchor at station WIOD in Miami, Florida. Hugh is presently employed as information officer (spokesman) for Sheriff of Broward county, fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Children of Dorothy[4] Setina Scholtes

11531 PAUL WILLIAM[5] SCHOLTES (Dorothy[4] Setina, , Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 22 November 1949 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Paul was first married 14 August 1971 in St. Anthony's Church in Joliet, Illinois to BARBARA A. BURNETTI. They were divorced 10 September 1976. Paul married for a second time 9 July 1977 at the First United Methodist church of Lockport to MARY KAY PANEPINTO, who was born 12 August 1957. Mary Kay is the daughter of Ignatius J. Panepinto [b. 16 December 1918, Joliet, Illinois, d. 01 January 2001, Joliet, IL, buried Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL] and Edith R. (Cattaneo) Panepinto [b. 2 May 1923, Joliet, Illinois]. His first marriage was annulled through the Catholic Church; Paul and Mary Kay were married in the Catholic Church on 27 August 1978 at Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, Illinois. Paul is graduate of St. Raymond Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 1963;

Joliet West High School 19657; and attended Joliet Junior college. Paul is employed as an electrician since 1971, and is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #176. Paul served with the Army National Guard for six years, having active duty in 1971. One of his hobbies is midget racecars – he has been a mechanic and also a driver. He served as President of the United Automobile Racing Association (UARA) for 10 years.. Paul has been a motorcycle rider since age 16 and raced motorcycles from 1973 to 1975. He is licensed since 1977 to fly airplanes. Paul serves on the Lisbon-Seward Volunteer Fire Department, Company #2, Plattville, Illinois. In the 18 years that he has been on the department, he has held the office of vice-president from 1986 to 1987, and the office of president from 1987 to 1992 and 2002 to 2003. Paul serves on the Kendall County Zoning Board of Appeals and has been on that board since 1994. He is also serving on the Minooka Community Consolidated District 201 School Board. He was elected to that board in 1995. Paul has served on the Kendall County Crime Coalition for 3 years, Kendall County Planning Commission for 4 years, Seward Township Planning commission for 2 years, serving as Chairman for those 2 years, United Plattville Association Vice-President for 1 year, and was on the Minooka District 201 Technology Action Team. Paul most enjoys taking vacations with his family to St. Germain, Wisconsin. He also enjoys fishing and tending to his large vegetable garden.

Mary Kay is a graduate of St. Francis Academy, Joliet, Illinois, 1975. She enjoys staying home raising her children and being involved in volunteering at their schools and in the community. Mary Kay serves on the Minooka United Methodist Preschool Board, holding the office of Treasurer since 1998. She serves on the Minooka District 201 Small Grants Committee and has been on that committee since 1995. In the 7 years that she served on the Minooka District 201 PTO Board, she held the office of Treasurer for 4 years and chaired numerous other committees. She has served on the Minooka District 201 Strategic Planning Committee, Minooka District 201 Spirit/Student Staff Celebrations Action Team. Mary Kay initiated, organized and co-coordinated the committee to build the Minooka Volunteer Playland (Indian Park) in Minooka, Illinois. She served on the Minooka High School District 111 Goals 2000 Adviser/Advisee Committee. She has been an active member in the United Plattville (UPA) since its beginning in 1992, having served on the Board of Directors for 1 year, as Secretary for 1 year, Vice-President for 1 year, Treasurer for 2 years, and Chairman of the Membership committee for 3 years. She was Secretary/Treasurer for the United Automobile Racing Association (UARA) for 10 years. She also served on the St. Mary's Plainfield Mother's club for 3 years, holding the positions of Publicity/Historian for 2 years and Treasurer. Mary Kay served on the Saint Mary's Plainfield Church Building fund-raiser Auditing Committee.

115311 William Alexander[6] SCHOLTES b. 25 November 1981
115312 Joseph Paul b. 22 November 1988
115313 Katherine Ann b. 14 November 1990

11532 JEAN MARIE [5] SCHOLTES ZIELINSKI(Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 October 1952 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Jean was married 10 April 1976 in Saint Raymond's Cathedral, Joliet, Illinois, to GARY D. ZIELINSKI, who was born 4 February 1950, Peru, Illinois, the son of David D. Zielinski [b. 29 July 1925, Peru, Illinois] and Theresa (Zuchora) Zielinski [b. 15 September 1926, LaSalle, Illinois]. Jean is a graduate of St. Raymond's Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 1966; Joliet Township High School West, 1970; College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, 1974, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Education. Jean was a junior high school science teacher for Joliet Public School District 86 from 1974-76 and 1978 to 1981; science teacher for Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 1976-78; substitute teacher 1990-1998; Hufford Junior High School, Computer Technology instructor, 1998 – present. She is chairperson for the Illinois Chapter of the Support organization for Trisomy 18/13 from 1986 to 2002. Jean enjoys gardening and genealogy. She compiled, arranged and edited the Scholtes-Fonck Family History, published 1991. Her husband, Gary, is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School 1968; and Lewis University, Lockport, Illinois, 1972, with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting. He is employed by Kemlite Company since 1973, as an accountant and presently as Credit Manager. Gary enjoys golf.

115321 Marie Angela[6] ZIELINSKI	b. 12 August 1980
115322 Laura[6] Jean	b. 16 January 1984, d. 22 Mar.1984
115323 Gail[6] Therese	b. 14 January 1985

11533 LUANNE [5] SCHOLTES BURNS (Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 15 April 1954 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 7 November 1975 in Saint Raymond's Cathedral, Joliet, Illinois, to THOMAS G. BURNS, who was born 25 May 1955, the son of Wilfred P. Burn [b. 6 January 1908, d. 26 march 1981] and Dorothy (Curry) Burns [b. 19 April 1920]. Luanne is a graduate of St. Raymond Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 1968; Joliet Township High School Central 1972. She received an Associates degree from Joliet Junior College 1974. Luanne was employed as a Loan Services Supervisor, Home Savings and Loan, Joliet, from 1977-1981; at Dow Chemical Company from 1981-1985, in distribution and shipment of bulk liquid chemicals. Luanne enjoys collecting antiques. Her husband, Tom, served with the united States marine Corps from 1973 to 1977, with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa and the 2nd Marine Division at Camp LeJeune, north Carolina. He is employed at Dow Chemical from 1980 to present. Tom and Luanne enjoy restoring old homes. They presently live in an 1890's farmhouse, which they restored, in Minooka, Illinois.

115331 Valerie Rose [6] BURNS	b. 10 April 1985
115332 Celeste Dorothy	b. 28 March 1987
115333 Michael Phillip	b. 03 June 1991

11534 NICHOLAS JOHN [5] SCHOLTES (Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich , Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 11 April 1964 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Nick was married 19 June 1993 to STACEY JO BUTT, born 31 January 1964, Davenport, Iowa. Stacey is the daughter of Dennis William Butt [b. 04 February 1940, Lost Nation, Iowa] and Julie Marie Henning [b. 28 April 1941, davenport, Iowa].

Nick is a graduate Hufford Junior High School, Joliet, Illinois 1978; Joliet Catholic High 1982. Nicholas attended the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois 1982-1984, on academician and trustee scholarship and graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, College of Engineering 1986, with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical engineering; MBA, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, 1995.

Nick served as an apprentice electrician 1980. He was employed as a clock maker at Spencer's Jewelry 1981, and owned and operated Master Clock Repair 1982 – 1993. Nick was a student engineer at Argonne National Laboratory from 1984 to 1985. He was Most Valuable Player on the Joliet Catholic High School golf team, 1982; Will County Junior Golf Champion 1981; member college of St. Francis Golf Team. He played in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics College National Tournament in 1983 and 1984. Nick is a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. He is employed at Tellabs, Lisle, Illinois, as a design engineer 1986 - 1993; engineering manager 1993 - present. He received the Research and Development Extraordinary Service Award in the fall of 1989 and the Distinguished Achievement and Development Award 1991.

Nick is a paraglider and powered paraglider pilot and is a certified power paraglider instructor. He is also a licensed private pilot.

Stacey is a graduate of Young Junior High School, Davenport, Iowa, 1978; Southeast High School, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1982; University of Illinois, Champaign -Urbana, Illinois; B.S. in marketing, 1987. Stacey was employed at Allstate Life Insurance Company, Northbrook, IL as a management trainee 1987-89; McMaster Carr, Elmhurst, IL, 1989-1997 as merchandising Product Manager. Stacey enjoys antique collecting, and being home with her daughters, Morgan and Marlo. Nick and Stacey enjoy raising a small menagerie of llamas, pigmy goats, and chickens on their small farm. In 2003 they opened a video rental and cellular phone store in Plainfield, IL.

115341 Morgan Samantha[6] SCHOLTES b. 13 April 1998
115342 Marlo Lynn[6] SCHOLTES b. 14 December 2002

Children of Michael[4] Thomas Setina

11541 JULIE [5] SETINA CASHMAN (Michael[4], Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 June 1962 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. She was married 07 September 1991, Saint Patrick's Catholic church, Decatur, Macon County, Illinois to MICHAEL P. CASHMAN, born 24 September 1961, Brooklyn New York. Julie is a graduate of Dwight Eisenhower High School, Decatur, IL, 1980; Richland Community College 1980-82; Parkland Community

College, Champaign, IL. 1983-84. Julie was employed by Pacific First Escrow Company as an assistant manager 1991-93; Motels of America, Champaign, IL 1986-89, San Diego 1989-91. Julie enjoys counted cross-stitch embroidery, reading murder mysteries, and staying home with her children.

115411 Katherine J. [6] CASHMAN b. 06 July 1993
115412 Daniel M. b. 22 June 1995

11542 CHRISTOPHER [5] SETINA (Michael[4], Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 February 1966 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Children of Joan[4] Setina Kerwin

11551 PETER [5] KERWIN (Joan[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 31 July 1958 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 2 June 1984 in St. Thomas Church, Peoria, Illinois to GINA WHITTERS, born 1 March 1958, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Richard Whitters [b. 6 January 1923, Cedar Rapids, Iowa] and Frances (Fiala) Whitters [b. 23 November 1926, Cedar Rapids, Iowa]. Peter graduated from Washington University 1980, with a Bachelor of Science degree; University of Illinois Medical School 1984, Medical Doctor. Peter is a physician specializing in cardiology. He is employed with Midwest Heart specialists 1990 to present. He enjoys flying, hunting and bee-keeping.

115511 Arthur Peter [5] KERWIN b. 19 September 1986
115512 Douglas Peter b. 30 September 1988
115513 Andrea Frances b. 18 November 1991

11552 AMY [5] KERWIN (Joan[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 01 November 1959 in Saint Charles, Kane County, IL. She was married (1) 06 June 1987 at Chapel of Saint John the Divine, Champaign, IL to JOHN APPLETON of Champaign, IL. Divorced June 1988. Married (2) 09 July 2000, Ardenwood Historic Farms, Fremont, California to STEVE BEESLEY. Amy is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1981, B.A. in business; College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, Associate of Science Degree (with honors), 1986; University of Illinois, B.S in Industrial engineering 1988. Employed at Abraham & Strauss Department Stores and Andersen Consulting in New York City, 1981-1984 and 1988-1994; Pelplesoft (Computer Software) in Pleasanton, California 1994-present. Amy enjoys traveling, family and rehabbing.

11553 WALTER [5] KERWIN (Joan[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 15 December 1960 in Aurora, Kane County, IL. Attended West Point, Newburgh, New York, 1979-80. Graduated from University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, B.S.1985; University of Illinois Medical School, 1989, Medical doctor; Fellowship in Cardiology Research, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, 1993; Fellowship in Clinical Cardiology, Saint Mary's Hospital,

San Francisco, California, 1995-1997; Fellowship in Electrophysiology, University of California, San Francisco, California, 1997-2000. Employed at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles, California as Cardiology Electrophysiologist. Walter enjoys working out and playing squash.

DIVISION 5 - GRANDCHILDREN OF MARY URSICH ZELEZNIKAR

Children of Louis [4] Zeleznkar

11711 RICHARD L. [5] ZELEZNIKAR (Louis[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 13 June 1958, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. He was married September, 1982, Fort Myer, Virginia Army Chapel, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia to JENNIFER A. MARTZ, born 12 September 1959, Washington, D.C., the daughter of Douglas G. Martz [b. 12 Dec. 1929, Allentown, PA] and Ethyelind D. Martz [b. 21 June 1934, Jersey City, New Jersey]. Richard is a graduate of Kent Gardens Elementary School, 1970; Longfellow Intermediate School, 1972; McClean High School, 1976; College of William and Mary, B.S. in chemistry 1980; University of Virginia, M.S. in chemical engineering 1982. Richard has been employed by B. F. Goodrich Company; Cholorox corporation; M. K. Ferguson. He enjoys rugby, swimming and skiing. Jennifer is a graduate of Marymount Elementary School, Maderia High School, University of Virginia, B.S. in nursing, 1981. She is employed as head nurse in the operating room for vascular surgery as Lakeland Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. She enjoys swimming, softball, aerobics, and skiing.

117111 Julia Nicole[6] ZELEZNIKAR	b. 29 July 1982
117112 Diana Marie	b. 04 July 1985
117113 Daniel Joseph	b. 23 December 1988

11712 STEVEN L. [5] ZELEZNIKAR (Louis[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 31 December 1961, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He is a graduate of Kent Gardens Elementary School, Longfellow Intermediate School, McLean High School, College of William and Mary, B.S. in anthropology, 1984; Life College of Chiropractic. Steven is employed in telemarketing. He enjoys karate, judo, physical fitness, swimming and reading.

Children of Richard[4] Zeleznikar

11721 ALAN RICHARD [5] ZELEZNIKAR (Richard J.[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 02 June 1961, Lynwood, Los Angeles County, California. He was married to KIRSTEN KIRLEIS, born 06 June 1961, the daughter of Enno Kirleis [b. 1932, West Germany] and Inge Kirleis [b. 1933, West Germany]. Alan is a graduate of Edison High School, Huntington Beach, CA 1979; California State University, Fullerton, CA, 1986; California State University, Fullerton, CA, 1995, M.S. E. E. He is employed as an engineer for Northrop Corporation. He

enjoys bicycle racing, music and philosophy studies. Kirsten is a graduate of Edison High School, Huntington Beach, CA 1979; California State University, Fullerton, CA, 1983. She is employed as an accountant.

11722 **PAUL JAMES [5] ZELEZNIKAR** (Richard J.[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 November 1963, Lynwood, Los Angeles County, California. He was married 07 June 1995 to KEIKO FUJINUMA, born 14 march 1961. He is a graduate of LeBard elementary school; Gisler Junior High School, Edison High School, 1981 (all located in Huntington Beach, CA); Golden West College, Huntington Beach, B.S. 1983; University of California, Davis, CA, B.S. in Economics, 1986. Paul enjoys bicycling, photography and is a Japanese speaker.

Family of Joan [4] Setina Kerwin and Walter Kerwin
Christmas 1991

Back: **Peter[5] Kerwin, Gina Kerwin (holding Andrea), Amy[5] Kerwin, Walter[5] Kerwin**

Front: **Arthur Kerwin, Walter Kerwin, Joan[4] Setina Kerwin, Angela[3] Setina, Douglas Kerwin**

PART I CHAPTER 1 SECTION 3

Amalija [2] Birsa – Michael Ursich Family

Sixth Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

Great-Grandchildren of Angela Ursich Setina

A. Grandchildren of Genevieve[4] Setina Graf

115111 LISA[6] GRAF (John[5] Graf, Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 May 1977, Evergreen Park, Illinois. She was married (1) on 29 March, 1997 to Alan Watson. Divorced 1999. Married (2) on 01 January 2000 to Aaron Campbell Bone, Carlsbad State Beach, California.

1151111 Slater[7] WATSON b. October 1998

115112 KRISTOFOR[6] GRAF (John[5] Graf, Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 07 March 1975, Anahiem, Orange County, California. Graduate of UCLA, 1966, B.A. in Political Science. Serving with the United States Navy 1996- present, as a naval aviator, presently stationed in Hawaii. Kristofor enjoys surfing, basketball and baseball.

115121 WILLIAM HENRY[6] GRAF (John[5] Graf, Genevieve[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 April 1989, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California.

B – Grandchildren of Dorothy[4] Setina Scholtes

115311 WILLIAM ALEXANDER [6] SCHOLTES (Paul[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born. 25 November 1981 in Joliet,Will County, Illinois. Bill is a graduate of Minooka Junior High School, Minooka, Illinois, 1996; Minooka High School, 2000, where Bill was a tri-athlete competing on the football, wrestling and track teams. He was also active in Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society, selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99, 1999-2000; Illinois State Scholar 2000-2001. Bill is attending Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois, majoring in Aviation. He is a fireman on the Lisbon-Seward Volunteer Fire Department Company #2, Plattville, Illinois. Bill enjoys flying airplanes, riding motorcycles and water skiing.

115312 **JOSEPH PAUL [6] SCHOLTES** (Paul[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born. 22 November 1988 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Joe is a graduate of Minooka Grade School, Minooka, Illinois; Minooka Junior High School, Minooka, Illinois, 2003. His poems were published in the Anthology of Poetry for Young Americans, 1998, 2000. Joe plays golf and soccer and enjoys fishing and water skiing.

115313 **KATHERINE ANN [6] SCHOLTES** (Paul[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3]Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born. 14 November 1990 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Kate is attending Minooka Junior High School, Minooka, Illinois. Kate enjoys acting has had individual roles in several school musicals. Her poems were published in the Anthology of Poetry for Young Americans, 2000, 2002. Kate enjoys water skiing and likes to write and draw.

115321 **MARIE ANGELA [6] ZIELINSKI** (Jean[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 August 1980 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Saint Paul the Apostle Grade School 1994; Joliet Township High School West Campus, 1998; attending Joliet Junior College. Employed by the City of Joliet as a Police Dispatcher. Marie is an excellent cook. She enjoys exercise and fitness.

115322 **LAURA JEAN [6] ZIELINSKI** (Jean[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 16 January 1984,and died 22 March 1984 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois of complications resulting from the chromosome disorder Trisomy 18 (Edward's Syndrome). She is buried in Saint Joseph Cemetery with her great-grandparents, Michael and Angela Ursich Setina and her great great grandparents, Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa Ursich.

115323 **GAIL THERESE [6] ZIELINSKI** (Jean[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 14 January 1985 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Saint Paul the Apostle Grade School 1999; Joliet Catholic Academy, 2003. She was active in student council, serving as homeroom representative freshman, sophomore and junior year; elected as Senior Class President senior year. Gail enjoys playing basketball, softball, and golf. She was selected to the Joliet Softball Association All-Star Team 1998, 1999, 2000. Gail played junior varsity basketball as a freshman and sophomore. Gail played varsity softball since her freshman year as a bunt/slap specialist playing center field, recognized in 2002 as East Suburban Catholic Conference All-Conference Selection; Joliet Herald News 2002 Class AA Girls All Area Softball Team; The Star –Aurelio's Pizza All Area Softball Team ; Member of varsity golf team, sophomore, junior and senior year. Member National Honor Society. Gail will be attending University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, majoring in speech-language pathology/audiology

115331 **VALERIE ROSE [6] BURNS** (Luanne[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 10 April 1985 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Minooka Junior High School, 1999; Minooka High School, 2003. At Minooka Junior High School, Valerie played flute and piccolo in the band and she participated on the soccer team. For two successive years, Valerie had the lead in the junior high play. Participating in the Grundy County 4H, she won a state ribbon for dog obedience training with her dog, 'Satchmo' in 1997. At Minooka High School, Valerie was a member of the student council, active in the band, and active in theatrical school productions. Valerie was selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students 1999-2000.

115332 **CELESTE DOROTHY[6] BURNS** (Luanne[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 28 March 1987 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Minooka Junior High School, 2001, Minooka High School, class of 2004. At the junior high school she plays trumpet and the bells in the band, and is on the basketball team. She was selected to be band Drum Major for the 2000-2001 school year. She won the school level Nation Geography Bee, 1997. Celeste was on the winning Agricultural Jeopardy Team for Grundy County Schools, 1997. Her poems were published in the Anthology of Poetry for Young Americans, 1996, 97, 98.

115333 **MICHAEL PHILLIP[6] BURNS** (Luanne[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, , Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 June 1991 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Michael attends Minooka Grade School and is active in the Shorewood Soccer League.

115341 **MORGAN SAMANTHA [6] SCHOLTES** (Nicholas[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 13 April 1998 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

115342 **MARLO LYNN [6] SCHOLTES** (Nicholas[5] Scholtes, Dorothy[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 14 December 2002 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

Division C – Grandchildren of Michael[4] Thomas Setina

115411 **KATHERINE J.[6] CASHMAN** (Julie[5]Setina, Michael[4], Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 July 1993, San Diego, San Diego County, California.

115412 **DANIEL M.[6] CASHMAN** (Julie[5]Setina, Michael[4], Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 22 June 1995 San Diego, San Diego County, California.

Division D –Grandchildren of Joan[4] Setina Kerwin

115511 ARTHUR [6] KERWIN (Peter[5] Kerwin, Joan[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 19 September 1986 at Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, IL. He attended Whittier Elementary School, Wheaton, IL and Edison Middle School, Wheaton, IL. Arthur enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

115512 DOUGLAS [6] KERWIN (Peter[5] Kerwin, Joan[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 30 September 1988 at Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, IL. He attended Whittier Elementary School, Wheaton, IL and Edison Middle School, Wheaton, IL. He enjoys basketball, hunting, fishing and golf.

115513 ANDREA [6] KERWIN (Peter[5] Kerwin, Joan[4] Setina, Angela[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 November 1991 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove, IL. She attends Whittier Elementary School, Wheaton, IL . Andrea enjoys drawing, basketball, swimming, sewing and baking.

Great-GRANDCHILDREN OF MARY[3] URSICH ZELEZNIKAR

A. CHILDREN OF RICHARD ZELEZNIKAR

117111 JULIA NICOLE [6] ZELEZNIKAR (Richard[5], Louis[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 29 July 1982 Cleveland, Cuyohogo County, Ohio

117112 DIANA MARIE [6] ZELEZNIKAR (Richard[5], Louis[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born o4 July 1985 Cleveland, Cuyohogo County, Ohio

117113 DANIEL JOSEPH [6] ZELEZNIKAR (Richard[5], Louis[4], Mary[3] Ursich, Amalia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 23 December 1988 Cleveland, Cuyohogo County, Ohio.

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Michael Setina - Angela Ursich Setina Family
40th Anniversary – April 28, 1960

Back: Michael[4] Setina - Walter Kerwin – William F. Scholtes – Dorothy[4] Setina Scholtes – Henry Graf – Beatrice[4] Setina Krause – Douglas P. Krause
Center: Paul[5] Scholtes – Joan[4] Setina Kerwin (with Peter[5] Kerwin), Angela[3] Ursich Setina (with Amy[5] Kerwin) – Michael Setina – Genevieve[4] Setina Graf (with Kurt[5] Graf) – Mark[5] Graf
Seated in Front: Luanne[5] Scholtes – Jean[5] Scholtes – John[5] Graf

PART I Chapter 1

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Scrapbook

of

Fourth Generation Descendants of

Anton[1] Birsa

Joseph Ancel[4] Ursich

son of Joseph E. [3] Ursich
grandson of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Joseph Ansel[4] Ursich, son of Dr. Joseph E.[3] Ursich

Dr. Joseph Ursich, Jr., Victim Of Polio

Chicago, Ill. —Dr. Joseph Ansel Ursich, Jr. son of Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, former Supreme Medical Examiner of KSKJ, died June 22nd, after being stricken with Poliomeylitis. Dr. Ursich was completing a two-year residency at Milwaukee County Hospital when he succumbed at the age of 25 years. He was married on June 2nd, to Beverly Eisch of Milwaukee, at St. Augustine Church in that city, and went to Acapulco, Mexico for a brief honeymoon. Several days after his return he was stricken and rushed to the South View Hospital in Milwaukee and placed in an Iron Lung, where he died. He was a graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine in 1948, one of the youngest students ever to complete the course. He was preparing to enter the Research Dept. of Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago this July, to take up a fellowship awarded him by the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Ursich is survived by his wife Beverly, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Ursich, parents. Grandson of Mrs. Amelia Ursich of Joliet, Ill. and Mrs. Frances Kompare of So. Chicago, Ill. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, Mr. and Mrs. John Kostelz, all of Joliet, Ill. He is also a nephew of the Kompare family in South Chicago. Interment took place on June 25th at St. Joseph's Slovenian Cemetery in Joliet, Ill.

"We have loved him dearly during life, let us not abandon him until we have conducted him by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

In Your Charity Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Dr. Joseph Ansel Ursich

BORN NOV. 3, 1925
DIED JUNE 22, 1951
INTERMENT
ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
JOLIET, ILLINOIS
JUNE 25, 1951

PRAYER

O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Dr. J. A. Ursich, Son of Former Jolietan, Dies

Dr. Joseph T. A. Ursich, 25, son of a former Joliet doctor, Joseph E. Ursich, died today at Milwaukee, a victim of polio.

The young doctor, whose father practices in Chicago and makes his home now in LaGrange, was stricken with the disease a week ago. He was an X-ray specialist.

He is survived by his bride of three weeks, the former Beverly Eisch, and his parents. He was an only child.

The funeral will be Monday morning from the Halloway funeral home at LaGrange to St. Stephen's church, Chicago. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery, Joliet.

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VESTI IZ NASELBIN

Chicago, Ill.:

—Dr. Joseph Ansel Ursich Jr., zdravnik, sin bivšega vrhovnega zdravnika KSKJ, Dr. Joseph E. Ursicha, je umrl letos 22. junija. Napadla ga je bila bolezen polio. Mladi Dr. Ursich je ravno skončaval drugo leto svoje hišne zdravniške službe v Milwaukee County bolnišnici in je bil star 25 let. Letos 2. junija se je poročil z Beverly Eisch iz Milwaukee v cerkvi sv. Avguština v istem mestu. Podala sta se na kratko že-

(Dalje na 2. strani)

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

nitovanjsko potovanje v Acapulco, Mexico. Par dni po njegovem povratku je dobil poliomyelitis. Hitro so ga zapeljali v South View Hospital v Milwaukee in ga dejali v železna pljuča, kjer je umrl. Leta 1948 je graduiral na medicinski šoli Northwestern univerze. Bil je najmlajši dijak, ki je kdaj zgotovil ta tečaj. Pripravljal se je, da nastopi delo v raziskovalnem oddelku Michael Reese bolnišnice v Chicagi v tem mesecu juliju, za kar mu je dala priložnost Ameriška družba za raziskovanje raka.

Preostali: soproga Beverly, oče in mati Dr. in Mrs. Joseph Ursich, stari materi Mrs. Amelia Ursich v Jolietu in Mrs. Frances Kompare v So. Chicagi, Ill. Pokojni je bil nečak Mr. in Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar, Mr. in Mrs. Michael Setina in Mr. in Mrs. John Kostelz, ki vsi prebivajo v Jolietu, Ill., tako tudi nečak rodbine Kompare v So. Chicagi. Pogreb je bil 25. junija. Njegovo telo počiva na slovenskem pokopališču sv. Jožefa v Jolietu.

Chicago, IL: Dr. Joseph Ansel Ursich, Jr. physician, son of former supreme physician of KSKJ, Dr. Joseph E. Ursich, died this year on 22. June. He had contracted the disease of polio. Young Dr. Ursich was completing the second year of his house doctor job (internship) in Milwaukee County Hospital and was 25 years old. This year on 2. June he married Beverly Eisch from Milwaukee in the church of St. Augustine in the same city. They went on a short honeymoon trip

to Acapulco, Mexico. A few days after his return he contracted poliomyelitis. He was rushed to South View Hospital in Milwaukee and placed in an iron lung machine, whereupon he died. In the year 1948 he graduated from the medicine school of Northwestern University. He was the youngest student who ever attempted this course. He was preparing to present his work in the research department of Michael Reese hospital in Chicago in this month of june, for which the American society gave him the opportunity to research cancer.

Surviving: wife Beverly, father and mother Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Ursich, grandmother Mrs. Amelia Ursich of joliet and Mrs. Frances Kompare of South Chicago, Ill. The deceased was the nephew of Mr. And Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar, Mr. And Mrs. Michael Setina and Mrs. And Mrs. John Kostelz, who all reside in Joliet, as well as the nephew of the Kompare clan of South Chicago. The funeral was 25. June. His body rests in the slovenian cemetery of St. Joseph Church in Joliet.

Marianne[4] Kostelz Thomure, daughter of Amelia[3] Ursich Kostelz
Granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

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Marianne Kostelz wins acclaim in college concert

Already famous for her fine coloratura soprano voice, Marianne Kostelz literally brought the house down at a concert she presented

MARIANNE KOSTELZ

at St. Mary's academy in Nauvoo on Oct. 10.

Miss Kostelz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kostelz, 719 Nicholson street, sang eight classical and semi-classical selections and her performance was acclaimed as "outstanding."

Ten years of study, practice and patience have gone into the making of her voice but her perseverance is beginning to pay off. Well known critics thruout the country are predicting Marianne will reach great heights in the musical world.

Her training began at the Joliet Conservatory of Music under the direction of George Brewster. She then studied at the Cosmopolitan School of Music in Chicago and at the College of St. Francis under the supervision of Sister M. Cecilia, O. S. F. At the present time she has the distinction of studying under the nationally known voice instructor Mrs. John T. Inghram and with Cloyce Enlow, head of the music department at Quincy college.

Every song she sings helps Marianne in her travel to fame but her ambition won't be satisfied until she secures an audition with the Municipal Opera company of St. Louis.

THOMURE, MARY ANN
(nee KOSTELC)

Age 56. Born in Joliet. Died suddenly at her residence in Birmingham, AL. Survived by her husband, Harold Eugene; two daughters, Victoria of Kalamazoo, MI, and Deborah Layman (Greg) of Phoenix, AZ; one son, Harold Joseph of Ft. Jackson, NC, stationed with the U.S. Army; two grandchildren and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Joliet. Preceded in death by her parents, John L. and Amelia (Ursich) Kostelc. She was a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Quincy College of Quincy, IL. She taught in the Joliet and Michigan school systems. Services were held in Birmingham, AL, on Saturday. Interment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Farmington, MO, Monday. Contributions to 164 25th Ave., N.W. Birmingham, AL 35215.

JOLIET THESPIAN—Miss Marianne Kostelz of 719 Nicholson street is pictured with James Weiss in a scene from the Quincy college choruses production of "The Vagabond King," which will soon embark on its annual spring tour.

Jolietan has role in "Vagabond King" at Quincy college

Marianne Kostelz, 719 Nicholson street, Joliet student at Quincy college, will have an important role in the Feb. 10 student production of "The Vagabond King."

Miss Kostelz will sing the part of Huguette, the girl who loves and loses the heroic vagabond. The characterization demands considerable acting ability as well as a good singing voice. This will be Miss Kostelz' first appearance in a college production. She enrolled at Quincy last February.

The famous Rudolph Friml operetta, based on incidents in the life of the French poet Francois Villon, makes Hugette a vivid character from the Paris underworld. She is in love with the poet before he rises to fame as the man who can save France from the Burgundian enemy. Some of the play's most beautiful songs fall to Hugette's role and some of the climactic action of the plot centers around her as she gives her life to save Villon's.

Marianne Kostelz to sing role in "Vagabond King"

Miss Marianne Kostelz of 719 Nicholson street will embark on a tour with the famous Quincy college chorus on its annual spring tour, which begins tomorrow. This year the organization will present the operetta, "The Vagabond King."

Tomorrow night the operetta will be presented in Effingham, Ill.; Saturday at the Lowell theater in Oak Park; Sunday at the Nazareth academy in LaGrange and Monday at Moberly, Mo.

Miss Kostelz plays the part of Huguette de Hamel, one of the leading roles in the production. Recently she was initiated into Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic fraternity, in recognition of her participation in college dramatics. She is a voice major at Quincy college and is a graduate of Joliet Township High school.

Genevieve[4] Setina Graf,

daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

Genevieve and Henry Graf

ouple Weds at Church Ceremony

MRS. DOUGLAS PAUL KRAUSE

Beatrice[4] Setina Krause,
daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

Married 29 September 1956 to
Douglas P. Krause

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Beatrice Ann Setina, Douglas Krause Wed

AUTUMNAL BOUQUETS decorated the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when Miss Beatrice Ann Setina became the bride of Douglas Paul Krause. Rev. John Sullivan performed the service.

Traditional wedding selections were played by Joseph Lyons, cathedral organist. The bride is the daughter of the Michael Setinas, 1015 Wilcox St., while Mr. Krause is the son of Mrs. Paul Krause of Chicago, and the late Mr. Krause.

Given in marriage by her father; the bride wore a rose beige tulle dress designed by Maxwell Shieff. Fashion details were a fitted strapless bodice and bouffant street-length skirt. The bodice was topped by a matching tucked bolero, which buttoned down the back, and featured long sleeves and Peter Pan collar. Alencon lace edged the neckline, sleeves and bottom of the bolero. Complementing her attire were matching satin pumps, short white gloves and a headpiece of ostrich plumes shading from beige to brown. She carried a cascade of Johanna Hill roses.

Mrs. William Scholtes attended her sister as matron of honor. She was gowned in a bronze antique silk shantung dress with fichu neckline, cap sleeves and draped princess style bodice, which flowed into a full street-length skirt. Her cascade was of tawny gold roses.

ACTING AS Mr. Krause's best man was Kenneth Jensen, of Palos Trails, while Michael Setina, brother of the bride, and John Loeding of Brookfield, served as ushers. A reception was held from 3 until 5 o'clock that afternoon in the Hotel Louis Joliet. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Setina selected a Mt. Laural pink silk crepe dress with matching jacket, matching mousse chapeau trimmed in satin and navy accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore an aqua lace dress accented by a matching jacket and brown accessories. Both mothers completed their ensembles with corsages of white baby 'mums.

When the couple left for an undisclosed honeymoon, the new Mrs. Krause was wearing a black Larry Aldrich sheath trimmed in black satin, bolero jacket, pink fox hat and black accessories. Her corsage was of pink glamellias. The newlyweds will make their home in one of the staff houses at Fournier Institute, 1274 Archer St., Lemont.

The bride was formerly employed by the Argonne National Laboratory, while Mr. Krause is an associate scientist at Argonne National Laboratory.

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Beatrice[4] Setina Krause,
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Married 29 September 1956 to
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Obituaries

Douglas P. Krause, 74, scientist

By Dennis Mulqueen
THE DETROIT NEWS

Douglas P. Krause, 74, of Birmingham, a scientist who worked secretly with Enrico Fermi and others on experiments that led to the first atomic bomb, died Friday, Sept. 21, 1990, of a heart attack.

Mr. Krause: Atom scientist

Mr. Krause was pronounced dead at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after losing control of his car and hitting a fire hydrant near his Birmingham home.

"He was just going to the post office and then he was going to pick up some prescriptions for me," said Beatrice, his wife of 33 years.

Mr. Krause was born in Chicago. He was recruited in the 1940s to work in the top secret laboratory in the basement of the University of Chicago's Alonzo Stagg Stadium. He worked with Fermi, Walter Zinn, Norman Hilberry and others on experiments that led to the first splitting of an atom, a research breakthrough which led to production of the first atomic bomb.

In 1944, Mr. Krause moved to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, where he headed a department overseeing plutonium research. He left Oak Ridge in 1948 and worked briefly at Iowa State University before continuing nuclear research at the Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Ill.

The Krauses moved to Birmingham in 1961 when Mr. Krause took a job as a research scientist for General Motors Corp. He retired in 1983.

"It was his life," said Beatrice Krause, referring to her husband's love of science, and particularly nuclear research. "It was his career. But he never feared nuclear energy. If anything, he felt the nuclear bombs he helped create prevented war, and if anything, he thought we didn't use enough nuclear power."

In addition to science, her husband loved sports. Mr. Krause, who earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Chicago, played golf, baseball, basketball and handball.

As a husband, she said "he was kind, generous and he spoiled me rotten. He couldn't do enough for his family. He was quiet and reserved, a kind and generous man who was well liked by everybody."

In addition to his wife, survivors include a sister and a niece.

Mr. Krause's career included several patents and awards, including the Arch Colwell Memorial Award he received at GM for patenting a process that utilized radio isotopes to analyze oil consumption in combustion engines.

Mr. Krause was a member of the American Chemical Society and the Sigma Xi Scientific Association. He also was a member of the Founder's Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 Crooks, Clawson. Visitation is set for 4-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Chicago. Memorial contributions may be sent to the the Michigan Heart Association or Beaumont Hospital Radiation and Oncology Department.

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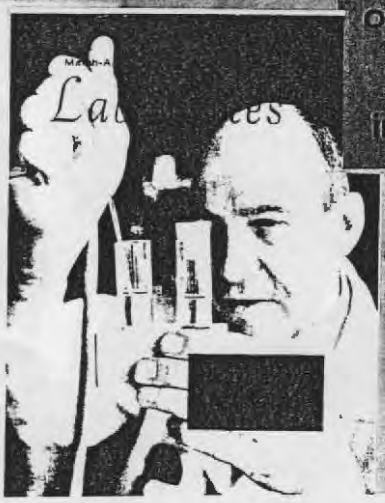
Lab Notes

In This Issue:

Radioactive exhaust samples offer swift, sensitive method for studying oil economy in rating new-engine designs



COVER: Douglas Krause, sr. research chemist, Physics Department, prepares a radioactive exhaust sample. This represents one step in a radically new way of analyzing oil consumption of automotive engines. Developed as a laboratory method to help engineers understand the behavior of components in new-engine designs, it promises to speed the design process considerably and define the reliability needs of parts purchased from suppliers for new designs. For more about the method, now being used in the Physics Department's Isotope Laboratory and in at least two General Motors divisions, please turn to page 4.

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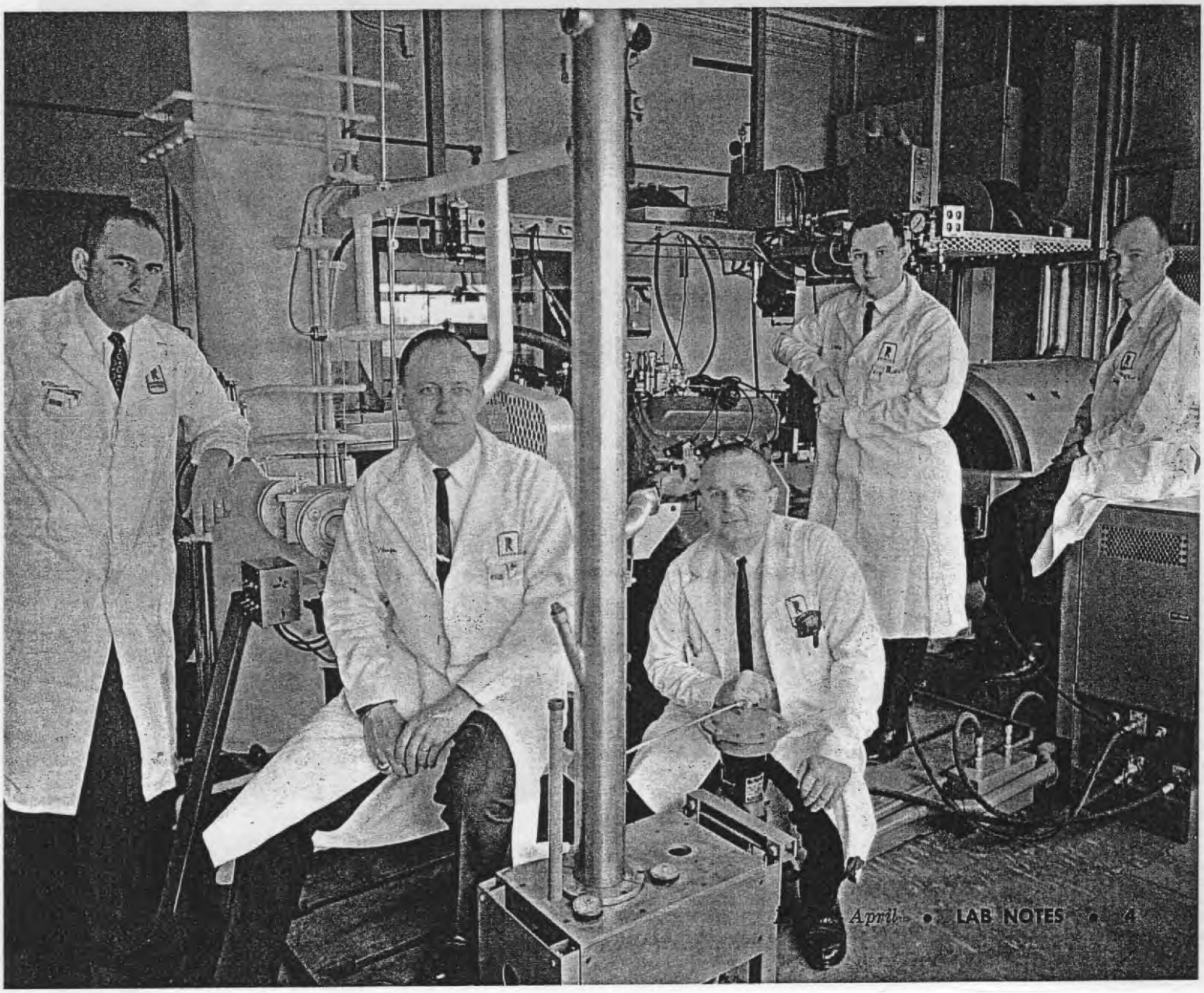
Radioactive "Tags" Speed Analysis of Oil Economy

Against the background of a dynamometer test cell which is equipped to determine engine oil consumption by "radiometric" analysis emerges the team of researchers who developed the new method — Dr. William Mayer, Walter Lange, Caleb Moore, Charles Murphy and Douglas Krause, of the Physics Department. A sixth member of the team, not shown, is James Klepaczyk of the Cadillac Motor Car Division which now has its own radiometric test cell. The test setup is conventional in layout except for the presence of a collection tower (in bright yellow at the left) and the stainless steel diverter valve in the foreground. With this system, researchers collect radioactive exhaust samples from which they calculate the amount of oil burned in the engine.

"So sensitive is radiometric analysis that the entire procedure requires no more than three minutes for exhaust sampling, one minute for radiation counting, and about three minutes for flushing and refilling the extraction tower", Dr. Mayer points out. "This totals a mere seven minutes per data point. Contrast this time scale with the conventional drain-and-weigh method, or the continuous-weigh method. Each requires several hours to do the same job, and is not nearly as sensitive."



Dorothy R.[4] Setina Scholtes,

daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

October 12, 1937

Winner

Knights of Columbus

Catholic School Essay Contest

Winners of Essay Contest

Honors were awarded at a meeting at the Joliet Township High school last night to the winners of the Knights of Columbus essay contest for Catholic school students, with the subject "Christopher Columbus." Winners were (left to right), Eugene Hudak, 310 Willow avenue, St. Patrick's school; Dorothy Setina, 1409 Wilcox street, St. Joseph's school; Rose Mary Kane, 607 Wilcox street, and Beatrice Martin, Roosevelt avenue, both of St. Francis academy.

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Dorothy R.[4] Setina Scholtes,

daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

October 12, 1937
Winner, Knights of Columbus Catholic School Essay Contest

AWARD PRIZES TO WINNERS OF ESSAY CONTEST

Civic Meeting at High School Climaxes Columbus Day Program.

CROWN QUEEN

A civic meeting at the Joliet Township High school auditorium last night climaxed the celebration here of Columbus day. In the afternoon, thousands lined the loop streets to see a colorful parade, in which fraternal, civic and veterans organizations participated, and which included floats depicting episodes in the life of Columbus.

Esther Bucciarelli was crowned "queen of Columbus day" at the meeting and winners of contests in former years were also given awards.

The Winners

Prizes were presented to youths winning the Knights of Columbus essay contest for Catholic school students. They are: high school first, Beatrice Martin, and second, Rose Mary Kane, both of St. Francis academy, and grade school—first, Dorothy Setina, St. Joseph's school, and second, Eugene Hudak, St. Patrick's school.

An entertainment progra 1 was also presented. Justice Dominic A. Romano was chairman of a committee representing local Italian groups which sponsored the celebration.

AWARDED PRIZE IN PAROCHIAL ESSAY CONTEST

Joliet, Ill.—The essay contest sponsored by the Joliet Council Knights of Columbus culminated in a colorful program in the Joliet Township High School Auditorium the evening of Oct. 12.

The contest was open to all seventh and eighth grade pupils of the parochial schools. The title of the essay being, "The Ideals of Columbus."

The first prize winner, Dorothy Setina, 1409 Wilcox St., is an eighth grade pupil of St. Joseph's School. She was awarded a gold medal and five dollars in cash as well as a traveling trophy for the school, this trophy to be retained permanently by the school winning three years in succession.

The contest judges were the Rev. Bonaventure Gilmore, O. Carm., principal of the Joliet Catholic High School; Miss Kathryn Kelly, historian of the Catholic Woman's League of Joliet, and J. Edward Connor, professor of journalism at the College of St. Francis.

The pastor, the Rev. John Plevnik, and the faculty of St. Joseph's School is justly proud of its winner and takes this opportunity of congratulating her

Announce Essay Winners.

Prizes also will be awarded to the winners of the Knights of Columbus Catholic school essay contest. They are:

High school—First, Beatrice Martin, St. Francis academy; second, Rose Mary Kane, St. Francis academy.

Grade school—First, Dorothy Setina, St. Joseph's school; second, Eugene Hudak, St. Patrick's school.

The Rt. Rev. William C. Bergin, professor at St. Viator's college, Bourbonnais, was the main speaker at the K. of C. banquet last night. He dwelt on the courage and determination shown by Columbus, and drew a parallel with the life of Christ, whose fortitude was greeted with calumnies.

Honor Father Gabriel.

The Rev. Fr. Gabriel Pausback was honored at the banquet for his recent election as assistant general of the Carmelite order, and presented with a gift.

W. A. Barry, grand knight, presided, and J. V. Bartley was toastmaster.

The entertainment program included community singing led by Brother Jude, with Novita Moddrel as accompanist. Several numbers were given by the Dunbar bell ringers.

Dorothy R.[4] Setina Scholtes,

daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

October 12, 1937
Winner,
Knights of Columbus
Catholic School Essay Contest

These Essays on Ideals of Columbus Won Knights of Columbus Award.

"Ideals of Columbus," the subject on which Joliet Catholic school pupils wrote in the annual essay contest, sponsored by Joliet Council Knights of Columbus, brought awards to Beatrice Martin, of St. Francis academy, in the high school group and to Dorothy Setina, of St. Joseph's school, in the grade competition.

Following are the prize winning essays.

BY BEATRICE MARTIN

Every man has ideals by which his life is governed, and only on the strength of his ideals, his devotion to and faith in them, can a man rise above the bitterness and strife of life, to success. Such a man was Columbus. Such a man, necessarily, is every pioneer—the daring spirit of his age.

Columbus, the idealist, was, perhaps, the greatest pioneer of all time. His was pioneering into the unknown, his was pioneering in faith, in courage, in nobility of purpose, in Catholic character.

It was a mixture of God-given stubbornness and ability, of daring, tempered with discretion, of courage and faith that carried the Genoese across vast uncharted water to the land he claimed for Spain and God.

Was a Dreamer

When a small boy, Columbus was very much attached to ships and map-making, and stories of lands yet unknown met his fancies. He took each hint gleaned from reading and built a dream around it in his own mind. His youthful days and nights were given to study of astronomy and navigation. Due to his dreamy nature and vivid imagination, he began to believe he was divinely commissioned to be a discoverer.

Columbus was, in himself, an idealist, some of his main ideals being faith in God and man, ! his own convictions, and in th loyalty of man to man. He ha a deep religious bias, which wa so manifest in nearly all of h writings. Oh, the courage h must have taken to go on, i the face of such tremendous an vigorous opposition, to stan alone in his conviction. But h had an ideal, and he stuck to it. Nothing could move his firm decisions. His faith in God and man, and his iron will to do, must have been terrific in strength not to break down under the trials and rebuffs he endured, and not ive up.

Man of Great Courage

He was a man of undaunted courage and high thoughts, exalted intellect, and very lofty genius. Ever relying on the Divine Providence, he was patient, persevering, unmoved in the many troubles and adversities that attended him. He had a restless spirit and a firm will, a singularly enthusiastic temperament, which gave him a consuming zeal for his undertakings. He took no denials, was not discouraged by refusals.

Threatened with mutiny by his crew, mostly prisoners, on his memorable voyage, he did not give up, would not turn back, but pacified the crew as best he could and remained steadfast in the belief of another world beyond the sea. Because of his firm nature, he would not give up until he accomplished that which he had in view. With his ideals constantly before him, he could not fail.

Columbus sailed, on that first morning, by Faith and Faith alone. He returned in triumph, stronger in that Faith than ever before.

Even in the bitterness of later life, in the scorn of the dungeon, Columbus remained unshaken in his ideals, in his belief in the goodness of God and the humanity of man.

BY DOROTHY SETNA

Christopher Columbus had high ideals of religion. His name, "Christopher," which means "Christ-bearer", was a source of pride to him because whenever writing it he always separated it into Christ bearer.

He had higher ideals than the ordinary man of his time. He did not seek fame or glory for the things he did, but he did them to bring greater glory to God and to abolish paganism from the lands he had discovered. The only thanks he wanted was the spread of God's Kingdom.

Columbus also had great faith in the monks, and under any circumstances he always went to them. It seemed to him the burdens of discouragement were taken off his shoulders, and seemed to put in its place faith, courage and hope to carry on day after day, looking for aid even if it robbed him of the joys and pleasures of youth.

A Religious Man

Before starting on his voyage Columbus received the sacraments. He took a priest with him on his voyage and every morning in the cabin of his ship, mass was said and prayers were offered for the safety of the crew and ships, and the discovery of a new route to India.

When the crew mutinied and agreed that if land were not reached in three days Columbus would be thrown overboard, he did not lose faith, but regained their confidence by predicting an eclipse of the moon. This shows his result of deep study.

After several voyages Columbus returned very much broken in health. He died in utter poverty on May 20, 1506. His body was buried in the Carthusian convent at Seville.

Dorothy R.[4] Setina Scholtes,

daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, 1015 Wilcox street, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Roberta, to Technical Sgt. William Francis Scholtes, son of Nicholas Scholtes, at a nuptial high mass July 5 in St. Joseph's Catholic church. The Rev. George Kuznia officiated. (Langston photo.)

PART I

Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Four Generations

Dorothy Setina Scholtes, Amalija Birsa Ursich, Angela Ursich Setina and Paul William Scholtes, born 22 November 1949

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Remembrance of Solemn Holy Communion

Michael Setina received Solemn Holy

Communion in St. Joseph's Church at Joliet, Illinois May 21, 1939

and was Confirmed November 6, 1938

Rev. W. J. Burtala Pastor

Michael[4] Setina

son of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
grandson of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

With Korea Unit

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA — Army Sgt. Michael T. Setina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, 1015 Wilcox St., Joliet, Ill., is now serving in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division.

His outfit has been in Korea longer than any other American division. It entered the fighting in July 1950 shortly after the Communist attack on South Korea.

Initiated

Michael T. Setina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, Sr., 1015 Wilcox street, was recently initiated into the Gamma Theta Upsilon chapter of the National Professional Geography fraternity at the State Normal univer[illegible] He is

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Survival Courses in Progress

Michael Setina, right, teaches one of many "Education for Survival" courses being held in Macon County. His students in Decatur include, left to right, Judy Sikora, Leonard Sturm and Mary Runnels. Geiger counter is used in the civil defense class.

Michael[4] Setina

son of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
grandson of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

SDHS Teacher 1969

DEA Names President-Elect

Michael T. Setina, a social [illegible]ems and government teacher at Stephen Decatur High School, has been named president - elect of the Decatur Education Association (DEA).

Setina of 2679 S. 34th St. and two other persons were elected to offices by the DEA membership at a special meeting at MacArthur High School. None of the nominees had opposition.

Earl S. Rudolph, president-elect this year, assumed the office of president. Rudolph replaces Dorothy Morris.

Leo F. LaFauce, a sixth grade teacher at Durfee School, was elected vice president while Nancy K. Heck, a fifth grade teacher at Muffley School, was named as secretary.

LaFauce of 83 Northland Dr. and Miss Heck of 3750 N. Woodford St. will assume office immediately.

Charles S. Clark, a business education teacher at Eisenhower High School, was appointed as the 1969-70 treasurer for DEA.

Setina has been a teacher at SDHS for 12 years and has served as chairman of the DEA political action committee for two years while being a member of the policies committee.

Setina and his wife Marilyn have two children.

Elected last May, Rudolph had served as program chairman for the DEA this year and also was an observer at the contract negotiations ratified Monday by the organization's member teachers.

Rudolph said Monday that two of the problems he must first face are upcoming meetings on sanction between the Board of Education, the DEA and Illinois Education Association, and the selection of an executive secretary.

He said that interviews have been set this week for applicants for the executive secretary position vacated when Ernest Gonzalez resigned.

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Joan A.[4] Setina Kerwin,
daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

Married 16 June 1957 to
Walter X. Kerwin

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Joan Setina to Marry Walter Kerwin June 16

PLANNING A TRADITIONAL June wedding are Miss Joan Setina and Walter Kerwin of McHenry, Ill., who will exchange nuptial vows at a 2:30 o'clock ceremony the afternoon of June 16 in St. Joseph's Catholic church.

A reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Krause, 127th and Archer, Lemont, immediately following the service. Invitations have been issued, but all relatives and friends are invited to attend both.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, 1013 Wilcox St.

A GRADUATE OF Joliet Township High school, Miss Setina attended Joliet Junior college. She is now a stewardess with United Air Lines. The prospective bridegroom, who was graduated from Northwestern university, is a flight officer with United Air Lines.

MRS. WALTER X. KERWIN
(Lorraine photo)

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Joan A. Setina Becomes Bride of Walter Kerwin

RT. REV. MSGR. M. J. BUTALA performed the 2:30 o'clock ceremony the afternoon of June 16 which united in marriage Miss Joan A. Setina and Walter X. Kerwin. "Ave Maria" and "On This Day O Beautiful Mother" were played by Anthony Rozman, organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, 1015 Wilcox St., while Mr. Kerwin, who resides in McHenry, Ill., is the son of the late Frank Kerwins of Chicago.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a hand-embroidered white organdy gown with Empire bodice, V-neckline, tucked cap sleeves, back bow of silk taffeta and ballerina-length skirt. Her shoulder-length veil was attached to a half-circlet of flower petals. She wore white wrist gloves, and carried a colonial bouquet of white daisies. Her diamond earrings were a gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. John W. Kiep was matron of honor. She was attired in a ballerina-length gown of white organdy embroidered with pink flowers and sashed with pink taffeta. Her colonial bouquet consisted of pink daisies.

ACTING AS best man was Edwin J. Stoga of Broadview, Ill., brother-in-law of the bridegroom. Warren G. Gurras of Chicago was best man. A reception for 100 guests was held at the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Krause of Lemont. Assisting were Miss Mary Iback, who presided at the coffee urn, and Mrs. Daniel Compton of Oak Park, who served punch. Guests were from California, New York and Chicago, Lemont, Brookview and Oak Park, Ill.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Setina selected an original two-piece blue silk shantung dress, navy accessories and matching chapeau draped with tulle over rosebuds.

The couple is honeymooning in southern California. For traveling, the new Mrs. Kerwin changed to a black sheath, white cape and white picture hat trimmed with a single rose of white silk organdy. They will make their home in Barrington, Ill.

Mrs. Kiep entertained at a prenuptial party in honor of the bride.

Joan A.[4] Setina Kerwin,

daughter of Angela[3] Ursich Setina
granddaughter of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

Miss Joan A. Setina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, 1015 Wilcox St., Joliet, has won the silver wings of a United Air Lines stewardess. After 5½ weeks at the company's stewardess training school in Cheyenne, Wyo., she now serves aboard Mainliners flying in and out of Chicago. Miss Setina is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College. Her hobbies are knitting, sewing and furniture refinishing.

FAN MAIL—When JOAN SETINA, center, 1015 Wilcox, a switchboard operator at Caterpillar, appeared on a New York radio program as a guest, she hardly expected it to result in mail. However, listening to the program was B. C. Heacock, a member of the Caterpillar Board of Directors, who sent Joan a congratulatory letter for her complimentary comments on her feeling toward her work at Caterpillar. Sharing in Joan's enthusiasm are LOIS LAWSON, left, a receptionist, and LOIS LYLE, switchboard operator.

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Wheaton mother enters transcontinental race

Former Jolietan in 'Powder Puff'

Joan Kerwin's kitchen floor is a mess these days.

It's covered from one end to the other with maps and charts of air routes from Sacramento, Calif. to Wilmington, Del.

Joan, a former Jolietan and Wheaton mother of three, is getting ready for the 29th annual All Woman's Transcontinental Air Race July 9 to 13.

Nicknamed the Powder Puff Derby, the 2,916-mile race is the longest air race in the world and the only race endorsed by the Ninety-Nines, Inc., an international organization of licensed women pilots.

Joan, a former stewardess who is married to a United Airlines pilot, is the newly elected chairman of the Chicago Chapter of the Ninety-Nines.

She flew as a copilot with a friend from Indiana in last year's Powder Puff Derby and she's already "flying high" in preparation for this year's race. She'll be pilot-in-command of a Cessna 172, one of the smallest planes allowed to compete, and Marilyn Smith of Naperville will be her copilot.

"You're allowed four days to complete the race," she explained. "You can't fly after official sunset or before official sunrise and you must fly by visual flight rules."

The race involves about 16 hours of actual flying time. Competitors "fly by" designated airports and are timed by race officials on the ground.

"You fly against a handicap for your particular make and model of plane," Joan said. "Mine is 120 mph. Anything I make over that goes toward my score, and the one who averages the highest mileage over her handicap is the winner."

First prize is $10,000, and other prizes are awarded by manufacturers for the best times in their particular aircrafts.

There's some time for socializing before the race starts and at its finish, but once the race gets underway, it's strictly business, Joan says.

"You eat dinner, go back to your motel room to look over the next day's route and go to bed early because you have to be up at 4 or 5 a.m. to get out to the airport and check the weather," she said.

"Besides, it kind of saps your energy flying in the heat."

The race attracts a wide variety of entrants, including doctors, housewives, nurses, flight instructors and government workers.

"You meet such interesting people," Joan said. "Last year we had the first grandmother-granddaughter team. And there were some women who've entered the race for 22 years." Joan's husband Walter taught her to fly about six years ago and she considers it a form of relaxation and a challenge.

All three of her children are interested in flying also, and her oldest son just got his pilot's license.

Joan is a graduate of Joliet Township High School and attended Joliet Junior College. Her mother, Mrs. Michael Setina, lives in Joliet.

Joan will be pilot-in-command of a Cessna 172 in the nearly 3,000-mile cross-country race. Her copilot is Marilyn Smith of Naperville. The race will begin in Sacramento, Calif. and end in Wilmington, Del. Participants are given four days to complete the course.

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Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

2002 Nomination
Induction April 24, 2002, Champaign, Illinois

Joan Kerwin

Born: March 12, 1932
Lifetime Illinois Resident
Prior Nomination in 1995

Joan has received no monetary compensation for the contributions she has made to the world of aviation.

AVIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1969	Received Private Pilot Certificate
1975	Earned Instrument Rating
1978	Received commercial License

Flew 2 Powder Puff Derbies: one was held to raise funds for the Peter Koehler YMCA in Naperville, Illinois.

Introduced various newcomers to aviation in Illinois including pilots from: Italy, France, and New Zealand (including the Majority Whip of the New Zealand Parliament).

Flew orientation flights for Chicago Board of Education to convince board members of the value of aviation classes in public schools.

Participated in Illinois Air Derby 10 years.

Competed in air races in Indiana, Wisconsin, and New England.

INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANIZATIONS

Created *Flying Companion* in collaboration with IFR/VFR safety seminars in Springfield in 1979, 1981, and 1983. IDOT (IDOT = Illinois Department of Transportation) (IFR/VFR = Instrument flight Rules/Visual flight Rules)

Presented and co-chaired the first all-day safety seminar with Flying Companion Course and IFR/VFR in Chicago area 1977-1983.

Created an exhibit entitled "Women in Aviation" for the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Golden Jubilee in 1983.

Represented aviation at career days at Glenbard North and Wheaton Central High Schools in 1977 & 1983.

Explained the wonders of aviation to eighth grade students in Chicago area schools.

Member of IAHF from first meeting to present (over 25 years)
- Served as treasurer for 3 years
- Wrote the first list of qualifications

Founding member of DuPage Pilot's Association, and was first Executive Vice President.

Legislation chairman of International 99's

Attended GENAVC (General Aviation Organizations Committee) in Washington D.C. for 11 years.
Vice Chairman of Chicago Area Chapter of International 99's
Governor of North Central Section of International 99's 1984-1986
Co-chaired IAHOF banquet at Oak Brook Hills with Roy Johnson.
Aviation Badge Counselor for DuPage Council Boy Scouts of America.
Member of National Committee for selection of Flight Instructor/Maintenance of the Year in Washington, D.C. in 1981.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

1977 – 1993	Accident Prevention Counselor GADO#3 - Federal Aviation Administration, General Aviation district Office #3 {now Flight Standards District Office FSDO)
1985	Accident Prevention counselor of the Year GADO#3
1983	Jane's Who's Who in Aerospace & Aviation
1974	North Central Section of International 99's Public Relations Award

Joan Setina Kerwin is the daughter of Michael Setina and Angela Setina Ursich and granddaughter of Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa Ursich.

Flying into fame

On April 24, **Joan Kerwin**, of Wheaton, was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame.

She is better known to Joliet residents as Joan Setina, a 1950 graduate of Joliet Township High School.

Kerwin was nominated for her work providing safety seminars as a member of the Chicago Area Chapter of the 99s, an international organization of women pilots.

Beginning in 1977, Kerwin started and continued to coordinate safety seminars for both privately licensed pilots and passengers in their planes. The courses for passengers on the planes, called Flying Companion Courses, taught them the basics of the plane in case of an emergency.

But her work in aviation doesn't stop there. She created an exhibit in 1983 for the museum of Science and Industry called "Women in Aviation" and founded the DuPage Pilots Association.

She also served a term as governor over a nine-state region for the 99s. To understand the importance of the 99s, consider this: Amelia Earhart was its first president.

Kerwin talked to school kids about careers in aviation, introduced worldwide visitors to Illinois aviation and flew orientation flights for the Chicago Board of Education to convince them of the value of aviation classes.

I can't list all of her accomplishments because she has so many on her resume.

But, for all her hard work, Kerwin didn't receive a penny. She was strictly a volunteer.

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Amalija[2] Birsa - Michael Ursich Family
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Louis J. Zeleznikar
Son of Mary[3] Ursich Zeleznikar
Grandson of Amalia[2] Birsa Ursich

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Lt. Louis J. Zeleznikar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar, 920 Oakland Ave., is being transferred to the United States Army in the Pacific, with headquarters in Hawaii. He will be accompanied by his wife, Arlene, the former Arlene Schuppenhauer of Chicago. Lt. Zeleznikar recently completed a tour as an instructor in the Officer's department, Signal School, Ft. Monmouth, N. J. He entered service in July, 1953. He is a graduate of Joliet Township High school and of the University of Illinois.

10--Herald-News, Joliet, Ill

Lt. Col. Louis J. Zeleznikar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zeleznikar of 800 Winthrop Ave., is attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. The 10-month curriculum of the Army's senior school prepares officers of all the services, as well as civilian officials of the Federal Government, for top level staff and command positions with the armed forces.

LOUIS J. ZELEZNIKAR
Army Colonel

Louis J. Zeleznikar, 60, a retired colonel in the Army Signal Corps who served two tours of duty in Vietnam and later worked for defense firms in the Washington area, died of cancer Feb. 19 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Col. Zeleznikar, a resident of McLean since 1964, was born in Joliet, Ill. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and the Army War College. He received a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University.

He was commissioned in the Army in 1953. In addition to various assignments in the United States, he served in Korea. During one of his tours in Vietnam, he commanded a signal battalion. He was stationed at the Defense Communications Agency in Washington when he retired from the service in 1977.

Col. Zeleznikar's military decorations included four awards of the Legion of Merit, four awards of the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

After leaving the Army, Col. Zeleznikar worked for several companies in the defense sector, and he was a senior consultant with the Analytic Sciences Corp. in Reston at his death.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in McLean.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Arlene J. Zeleznikar of McLean; two sons, Richard L. Zeleznikar of Rocky River, Ohio, and Steven L. Zeleznikar of Marietta, Ga.,; a brother, Richard J. Zeleznikar of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Memories of Genevieve Setina Graf

Daughter of Michael Setina and Angela Ursich
Granddaughter of Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa

Dear Jean,

The reason I've put this narrative off for so long is that when I speak of "narrative" I'm thinking history, personality, family myths and my own experience in interacting with the Birsa/Ursich family. The fact is it would probably run into a couple hundred pages. Now that it's deadline time, I'll try to condense this narrative and let you decide what you want to use.

First of all, much of the actin took place on Indiana Street where the Michael Setina family lived in the apartment of a small working man's frame house owned by Michael and Amalija Ursich. The Setina family lived there from the time of Michael and Angela Setina's marriage [1920] until I was 11 years old. This encompassed the time of our aunts' [Molly, Dorothy, Mary, Ann Ursich] and uncle's [Joseph Ursich] single life and on into their marriages, and the departure of two of our aunts into the religious life [Dorothy and Ann]. My two sisters [Bea and Dorothy Setina] and my brother [Michael Setina] were the only "children" in the family until Molly and Mary began their own families and so for a long time we were the apples of their eyes. In 1931, Molly finally (after six years of marriage) had a daughter. In 1932 Mary, who had married in 1930, had a child and we were of course then relegated to a much less important status. In 1932 the fifth child (Joan) was born to Angela and Michael and it necessitated a move from Indiana Street to a house with more space. The birth of our cousins and our move from the old neighborhood in effect shattered the closeness of the extended family and for me, at least, it felt like the end of the world. During those eleven years on Indiana Street, however, I absorbed like a sponge all that was going on in the family. After the move to Wilcox Street I was not as privy to the lives of my grandparents, aunts, etc., so there are gaps in information and I probably can remember only the more significant events.

I must talk about Indiana Street – the center of our lives during the most formative years. It was one block long – a little street behind Chicago Street – twenty-five foot lots, frame houses, mostly one story, two-bedrooms, occupied by larger families – all Slovenian. Abutting the alley was a lot containing machinery of some sort stored there I believe for use in some close-by industry and behind that a canal with a foot bridge which led to a building which hovered over the water. This may have been producing something using waterpower or producing waterpower, since on the side opposite the small canal was the DesPlaines River and dam. Anyway, Indiana Street was our world. Saint Joseph Church was one street away and could be seen from the Ursich corner lot. The businesses were mostly Slovenian owned except for the Serbian grocery store farther north on Chicago Street and the Columbia Bakery, the pharmacy and Stern's department store. Grandpa Ursich walked to work at the "wire mill" several blocks away. Of course, there were many more Slovenians who lived over the bridge and up the hill, but Indiana Street people felt they were really where the action was – and they were.

Their lives were simple, hard-working, frugal and even harsh compared with that of earlier immigrants (Irish, Germans), but since there was little contact outside of our own ethnic group, we had little knowledge of the difference until thrown into the work world, or higher education. In effect, we were still living a European life in a European society, (which is why I, to this day, cannot feel comfortable with early American furniture).

Our lives were governed by the Church and the seasons. Our social lives were almost exclusively connected with church holy days and festivals and sacraments. Grandpa Ursich always (or so I remember) spaded the earth for the vegetable garden on Holy Saturday (or Good Friday). We children shed our long underwear on Holy Saturday – no matter how chilly the weather. In August the men of the neighborhood, including Grandpa Ursich and my dad, would have these serious and intense discussions of the merits of Ohio vs. Michigan grapes for that year's wine making. The women would begin their canning – tomatoes, peaches, pickles, sauerkraut and a batch of sour turnips and the winter's coal would be delivered, shoveled down a chute into the cellar with great noise and excitement at least on the part of us children.

I would like to add one more thing about our lives on Indiana Street. My two sisters and I lived upstairs with our parents, but spent a great deal of time downstairs with our grandparents. Actually, there were no barriers, it was as though we occupied both places and as far as I can remember, needed no permission or invitation to go to Grandma's. In winter, we played in the two bedrooms that had been added on to the original house, but that were not part of the rented section. These rooms were used for storage, and one of them had a brass bed, a dresser and dressing table and in the dresser drawers we found old empty chocolate boxes which, if you really smelled hard, you could get a whiff of the chocolates that it once contained! Pure Heaven! On the indoor stairs leading to Grandma's, my sisters and I played paper dolls. On the landing were kept a cloth sack of salt and larger sack of sugar and after these sacks were emptied, my mother used the cloth to make underpants for us. On Thursdays my Aunt Molly and my mother would spend the day shopping in Joliet's downtown area – a few blocks south of Indiana Street and my sisters and I would have lunch at Grandma's. Most of the time it was a bowl of oatmeal. It took me many years of adult life before I could eat oatmeal without a grimace. Probably the only real flaw in this very secure life was that my sisters and I had no friends other than each other. Grandma Ursich ruled the family – including my mother – with an iron hand – and for whatever reasons, she would not allow us to play with other children on the block. If we ventured out on the sidewalk, we were instructed to come back into the yard immediately if other children came to our end of the block. Grandma Ursich claimed that we would learn bad things from these children. I still do not understand this. As a matter of fact, most of these children turned out to be very decent adults. I believe that the Ursich's were elitist, certainly unsociable and to some extent, I believe this trait carries on in subsequent generations. Oddly enough, my mother claimed that when she was a child, she and her siblings interacted a lot with other neighborhood children – having parades, flying kites, playing school, putting on shows and as young, single adults, seemed to have an active social life with groups of friends. Also, the Ursich girls were close the their girl cousins, the Oberstars, and to some extent this continued into married adulthood. My Uncle Joe, in his youth, was very close to the oldest Birsa son, Joseph.

I believe what made our lives on Indiana Street so secure was not only the feeling that we "belonged" to the extended family, but also that in spite of the strictness and discipline, we were always sure of our parameters. We knew what was right and what was wrong – at least for that time and place. I have never felt so secure since.

Grandpa Ursich (Michael)

First of all, let me say that I loved my grandfather and love the memory of him still. I did not realize at the time, of course, but have since come to recognize the fact that he was probably the epitome of what a decent man should be.

He came to this county in his late teen-age-years, educated only enough so that he was able to read and write, speaking no English, but determined to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the industrial revolution to people with strong backs who were willing to work twelve hour days, six days a seek for a few cents an hour. As did most single men in his situation, he boarded with already established immigrants until he himself could marry and start his own family. In his case, he boarded with Aloyzia (Birsa) Oberstar and her husband, Anton Oberstar.

When he felt he was ready, he began to look for a woman to marry. Anton Oberstar knew just the woman, Amalija Birsa, his wife's sister who was still in Europe, several years older and as Anton put it, "not very good looking", and so Amalija was imported for the purpose. My grandmother told me that she looked across the table at her prospective husband-to-be, found that he was physically strong and therefor would probably make a good living and so they married. They celebrated fifty years of marriage in 1943 – a rare event in those times of shorter life spans.

Michael Ursich was a quiet, dignified man; hard working, dependable and responsible in everything he undertook to do. In addition, he could be playful and funny. In spite of his hard life, he was generally good-humored and accepting of his lot. He was not a complainer; instead, he seemed to be always thinking of and working towards advancing and improving the life-style of his family. He seldom lost his temper, although there were one or two occasions when really pushed by Grandma's nagging, he roared like a lion, but only for a minute. Another occasion that elicited a roar was when daughter Mary chided him for pouring his coffee into a saucer and drinking it from the saucer.

Michael was greatly respected in his community because of his involvement with the Church and the K.S.K.J. He ushered in church each Sunday and was a member of the church's executive committee. My mother told me that at election time, he was involved in ringing doorbells, urging people to vote. The American flag was always displayed on the front porch on all legal holidays. In addition, although he worked for bare-living wages, he was thought to be more prosperous than most of his neighbors, over the years having accumulated several rental properties in addition to the upstairs flat of the home place.

His relative prosperity was due not only to his forward-looking mindset, but also to the extreme frugality of his wife. In the earliest years, she added to income by taking in boarders, as did many immigrant women who had no other means of earning money.

In the earliest years of his marriage before he was employed by the steel company, he heard of employment to be had for laborers at or near the Illinois and Michigan in the Ottawa/Morris area. He and his brother-in-law (Anton Oberstar) built a

raft and paddled down the river to the job site at the beginning of each week and came back via river raft for Sunday at home. I was told my grandmother cried and worried that he would meet with an accident and that she would be left a widow with young babies to raise by herself. Their first two children, Frank and Michael, died in their first year of life probably due to diarrhea which afflicted many infants and toddlers in those days.

Grandpa was tall (at least compared to most other Slovenian men, who ranged in the five-two to five-seven category), but I doubt he reached six feet. He was also fairly slim. When I became aware of him, he was already balding with only fringe around the perimeter, but combed over the center bald spot with long hair from the side. As I remember it, his hair had a reddish tinge. He also had a lovely, full mustache, which gave him a look of great dignity until one of his daughters (probably Mary) convinced him it was no longer in fashion. The day he shaved it was one of the highlights of my childhood memories. Newspapers were spread on the kitchen table, he set up his shaving mirror, sharpened his straight razor on the leather strap hanging next to the kitchen sink and with his grand daughters watching from across the table, he began the great transformation. It took us all quite a while to get used to the nakedness left behind.

One of the things that endeared Grandpa Ursich to his three granddaughters was that occasionally he would take his harmonica out of the top drawer of the cupboard and play for us the only tune he knew (self-taught) "Ach du lieber Augustine". We were so delighted and would beg him over and over to play it again and mostly he obliged. Another playful thing was that he would start to laugh – a laugh like the mechanical laughs you can buy in trick stores – and he could go on like this for perhaps four or five minutes. We children, of course, would laugh too, until we ended up with hiccups or having to make a quick run to the bathroom. What a dear man he was!

Perhaps one of the stories told to me by my mother that reflects Grandpa Ursich's character – his work ethic, ambition and foresight – was how he brought running water to his house, the first in the neighborhood. Two streets east of Indiana Street was Sehring's Brewery. Grandpa knew they had running water and he conceived the idea of connecting pipes from there to his house, two blocks away. He received permission from Sehring and from the city to lay the pipe, but only if he covered over what he had dug each time, before he started the next section. He worked alone. I have no idea how long this took; however, the Ursich's had indoor toilets (upstairs and down) and a bathtub before I came on the scene. He also had built two upstairs bedrooms attached to the four-room rental flat, for use of his expanding family of daughters. These rooms were vacant when the daughters left for marriage, career or convent except for storage of old furniture, etc., but my sisters and I considered them our indoor playground. We called them the "other room" and the "other, other room". Had my grandmother allowed my parents to rent these additional two rooms at the time our youngest sister was on the way, we probably would have stayed on Indiana Street. For whatever reason, Grandma said "no" and we left for the west side and an entirely different life.

I do not remember the year, but I believe we had already moved away, when we got word that Grandpa was injured on the job. Apparently, the machine that he was working with malfunctioned and a piece of wire hit him in the temple area of the head. He was examined by the company doctor, who sent him home but did not feel it was a serious injury. Finally the family called my Uncle Joe, a physician in Chicago. He ordered x-rays; it was found that Grandpa had fractured his skull. I do not recall what

treatment he had, but he gradually recovered. He never went back to work. I believe he received some workman's compensation or a small pension (but not both) and a medal from the company for his fifty years of service. He was very proud of this.

A postscript to the above – although I thought (and still do) that Grandpa fully recovered from the blow on the head, Grandma Ursich felt that he had diminished mental capacity and would speak of it to Molly (and others) in his presence, which I thought was cruel. But then, grandma Ursich was never known for compassion or finesse.

A year after my grandparents'' 50th Anniversary celebration (22 June 1941), a utility company wanted to acquire the entire block of Indiana Street. They made an offer my grandparents couldn't refuse - $6000 for the corner property and that was the beginning of the end of Indiana Street. They were the first to sell (in February 1944) and the plan was to move to their property on Cora Street. Shortly after Easter, Grandpa took ill with what he considered indigestion, but which didn't go away. The doctor was called in and he advised hospitalization with the possibility of exploratory surgery. Grandpa had never been hospitalized before and came of the school of thought that to go to a hospital meant you would never come out alive. (Actually, he had never been to a doctor except for the accident at work and one time when he fell on ice and fractured his ribs). Exploratory surgery (at which his son assisted) revealed terminal primary liver cancer. Grandpa was not told that he wasn't going to recover and since the initial pain was gone, he was most optimistic. He congratulated the doctor and complimented him on his work, at which the doctor had the grace to blush. Grandpa said he wanted to live long enough to see how the war was going to turn out, and had plans to get himself a little dog and a cane and walk up and down on the sidewalk in from of his house and just enjoy the time he had left. However, as he grew weaker and no one mentioned releasing him from the hospital, reality began to set in. He did not talk about it, but on the day before he died, when Grandma and one of the aunts visited him, his daughter, on departing, mentioned that they would be back the next day. He replied that there probably would be no need for that. He and Grandma exchanged a long gaze of understanding, love (?), goodbye. He died the following evening, June 29, 1944. Grandma had already moved to the house on Cora Street.

Grandma Ursich (Amalija Birsa)

My grandmother never knew the date of her birth; consequently, none of us ever knew how old she was. Somewhere it was determined that she was nine years older than my grandfather was. Her mother died when she was quite young and no one inquired of her siblings even what the birth order was in the Birsa family. Her father came to America presumably after some of his children immigrated. My mother recalls his visits when she was a small child and remembered that he carried a basket with goodies for his grandchildren, including some small figurines that he had carved. He wore a full beard and died when my mother was about four years old. The only photograph the family had was inadvertently thrown out during a cleaning out of an attic after the death of one of the aunts. Grandma's siblings were Marija (Micka), who remained in Slovenia, never married, and stayed with a village family in exchange for childcare and general household help. Grandma's sister, Alojzia (Louise), was married to Anton Oberstar and raised a large family of mostly girls. Alojzia and Grandma were not very close. Alojzia

seemed timid. Her husband, Anton Oberstar, was dynamic and assertive. He sold patent medicines, wrote a dream book, became mayor of his village (Rockdale).

The sibling that Grandma really loved was her brother Benedict. Uncle Birsa, as he was called, was widowed and left with a large family, mostly boys with two girls at the tag end. He was a tiny, shriveled man, perhaps five feet tall or less, with one droopy eye and a mouth that canted towards one side. (This last characteristic has been passed on to several members of the Ursich family and one of the Setinas). I think Grandma loved Benedict because they were so much alike, about the same height, no visible vices, hard working and above all – frugal. Benedict, together with his sons, owned rental property in Rockdale, owned a coal yard, one of the early gas stations in the area and various other small businesses. The one really vivid recollection I have is when Uncle Birsa was leaving after a visit to Grandma's house. They were both standing at the front door, each one telling the other how very poor they were and then looking at each other and giggling. Uncle Birsa, who had started out as a coal miner in central Illinois, owned several small frame houses in Rockdale, into which his sons, one by one, as they married, moved. Two of his sons remained single and lived in the house with their father. These two, Alvin and Ludwig, incidentally, bought and flew a plane when airplanes were a complete novelty. Unfortunately, the first time they took to the air, they crashed and never flew again. The only visible extravagance of the Birsa family was that in later years, they left their little homes to spend a good deal of the winter in Florida. We don't know if they owned property there, but certainly they must have – no respectable Slovenian ever paid rent after the first few years of marriage.

Grandma didn't know what year she was born, but she does recollect that as a very small girl, when she was sent out to pasture the cows, she tried to make a hoop in her skirt out of twigs. This would put her into the late 1860's. As she grew older, she was sent to be cook and housekeeper for a neighboring priest and from there rescued by her brother-in-law for marriage and the adventure in America. Her passage across the sea must have been a rather unpleasant one. Apparently they encountered storms and she was very seasick on the three-week voyage. She came to the United States with a very small trunk carrying all her possessions and wore a gold colored silk scarf on her head and went to meet her future. So vivid were her memories of that terrible voyage, that she vowed she would not return until they build a bridge across the Atlantic. She never did go back.

Grandma Ursich was illiterate, although my mother told me that Grandpa taught her the rudiments of reading. That may be so – I have recollections of her sitting on a small stool next to the heat register holding a Slovenian prayer book from which she seemed to pray. Writing, however, eluded her and to the end of her life her signature was always her mark, 'X'.

Her personality was dour and she lacked vision for upgrading the family's future. She would have been content as long as her children had work, no matter how menial. When their only son, Joe, was given the opportunity to attend medical school, she was disappointed that he would not be able to go to work immediately in the steel mills and bring in a paycheck. It was Grandpa who insisted that Joe avail himself of the opportunity because he did not want his son "to work as hard for a living as I had to do."

Physically, she was short but stocky; a body type passed on to several of her daughters and granddaughters. In later years she was blind for all intents and purposes

and had only one stubborn tooth left in her mouth; but refused to be fitted for glasses or artificial teeth, on the theory that if God had wanted her to see or to keep her teeth, he would have provided that both sight and teeth lasted longer. She wore her hair in a braid, which she would at the top of her head and one of my little pleasures was to watch her take down her hair before bedtime and deftly re-braid her hair. Her hair never turned completely bray – rather, I recall, two white wings on either side of her part.

Her world was her church, her garden, and her home. She had no intimate friends and needed none. About once a year, as I recall, a couple of German ladies that she became acquainted with in their first residence on Hickory Street would pay a call and they would exchange plants but, generally speaking, she was a very private person – knew few people and loved to gossip about them but held herself aloof.

She was extremely pious, attended Mass daily and twice on Sunday and spent much of her leisure time praying the rosary or "reading" from the prayer book. Very often in the evening, we children would be required to kneel on the dining room floor, propping our elbows on the chair seats and reciting the rosary before bedtime. During a thunderstorm, she would rap on the water pipe leading to the upstairs flat – her signal for us to pray the rosary with her asking God to keep us safe from the thunder and lightening. When she would hear a preacher on the radio, there was again the rap on the water pipe and we three granddaughters were required to sit stiffly in front of the big Philco and listen. It did not matter that the preacher was Baptist or Lutheran as long as she heard the words "God" or "Jesus" or "sin", it had to be good.

She constantly contributed to Catholic missions stating to me that one could even buy one's way into heaven in this way. She told me this as she was seated on the sealed envelope to make sure the glue adhered properly.

Grandma ruled her family with a heavy hand. This was particularly true of my mother and my mother's three daughters. She did this by emphasizing one's sinfulness in big things and small and by guilt instilled for even the most tiny infraction or frivolity. Life was hard, God was a punishing God and one would find happiness only in the next world. I would have to say that Grandma Ursich was the biggest influence in my life for better or worse. One simply did not want to displeasure her; to do so would bring the wrath of God upon one's head and even worse, her judgment as to the state of your soul.

I believe she loved us in her own way and she was not unkind; she just believed she was forming our characters and leading us in the way we should go. She was rarely fun, but I have fond memories of domestic rituals and activities that made me feel warm and protected and part of a greater whole. One particularly warm memory is that when Grandpa worked nights, one of us would sleep downstairs with Grandma to keep her company in her downy, feather-ticked bed. After the braiding ritual and the prayer, we'd climb in together and soon she would be snoring loudly, while I would lie awake waiting for the sound of my father dropping his shoes in the bedroom above, a signal that mother and dad were also going to sleep. The corner streetlight shining into the window, my grandmother's snores and the knowledge of my parents sleeping above me was the coziest feeling I've ever had.

After Grandpa died, Grandma was installed in the house on Cora Street. By this time, my sister Dorothy was married but living at my parent's house while her husband was overseas and my sister Bea and I were commuting to jobs in Chicago. Nevertheless, we were so concerned that my grandmother would be lonely and afraid at night that for

several months we took turns walking down to Cora Street and staying the night with Grandma. She did not live there very long. Senile dementia began to set in and she spent some time living with my parents and eventually spent some years in a senior citizens home and eventually as her health began to deteriorate, was ensconced in Saint Joseph Hospital for the last year. She lived for twelve years after Grandpa died, expiring at the age of 94 or 96 or 98 or some number in between and paid her own way until the end. Ironically, she gave a sum of money to the nun-treasurer-cashier at the hospital to hold for her in case of need, not trusting her children to handle it. When her state was being settled – a very small one by this time – the money at the hospital had disappeared and there was a new nun-treasurer/cashier, who had no knowledge of the transaction.

All in all, lest I depict too gloomy a picture of my grandmother and in spite of the fact that she once asked me the question "Happy! What's happy?" (It really sounded like "Happy! Vots happy?"), she's the only woman I know who sang while she worked; *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean* and *Glory, glory Hallelujah*. So . . . Happy! Vots happy?

Amalija Birsa Ursich
Circa 1933, holding granddaughter
Marianne Kostelz in front of the family home.

"Grandma had many different plants in her garden. She had canna lilies, a castor plant, tiger lilies and petunias. She especially loved her yucca plant and was so proud of it when it bloomed. On the side of the front porch she had a trellis with a grapevine on it. It shaded the front porch and bore white grapes" granddaughter Dorothy Setina Scholtes

Family Memories

As remembered by Dorothy R. Setina Scholtes,
granddaughter of Michael and Amalija (Birsa) Ursich

We lived at 115 Indiana Street, in the upstairs of our grandfather's house. Every Friday my mother (Angela Ursich Setina) would help grandma (Amalija Birsa Ursich) clean her house. I had the duty of dusting the dining room's chairs because my fingers fit between the spokes of the chairs. When Grandma wanted to call us downstairs she would rap on a kitchen water pipe.

At Christmas we always decorated the tree in the afternoon of Christmas Eve. My mother would bake potica, and when it was finished the tree went up. In the evening we blessed the entire house, upstairs and down with holy water dispensed with a feather. It seemed that while we were doing this, Santa arrived.

Grandma raised a lot of flowers in her garden. She had a large variety of columbine, tiger lilies, castor bean plans, and moss roses and along the side of the garage a large stand of hemp, as Grandma called it. We know it now as something else. It never was used for anything and seemed to be there just to cover the garage. A large grapevine grew on a trellis on the front porch. She also had a vine called a clematis which had large purple blossoms that she called her "climb-a-lattice." I thought it very descriptive.

Grandma raised a lot of lettuce and root vegetables. She made soup every day for lunch. Many times I was sent to the meat market on Chicago Street (Briicks) to buy five cents worth of soup meat and a bone. I don't know how she made it, but it was the most delicious soup I ever had. She made her own noodles and dried them on sheets of newspaper. My grandma always boiled milk, even when it was pasteurized. When she gave you a cup of coffee, she would always put a spoon full of the thickened, boiled cream on top. Her Easter eggs were always colored a very vivid purple. To achieve this, she would shave an indelible pencil into a cup and pour hot water into it. The kitchen would smell of gentian violet.

My mother would go downtown which was only a few blocks from our house on Indiana Street. My sister, Gen, would be in charge. We decided to do the dishes and surprise Mom. When we finished, we took the dishpan out to the porch and poured the water over the railing. We heard a lot of hollering when to our dismay we found two very wet, angry men who had been sitting against the fence eating their lunch. We made a hasty retreat into the house, certain that the men would be after us.

I remember riding downtown in our car. The stock market had crashed and people wanted their money. People were crowded around the door of the First National Bank, some pounding on the door. It was the beginning of the Great Depression.

After Charles Lindberg flew across the ocean, he made a tour of the United States. We saw him fly over Indiana Street, and we were out there waving our arms and shouting, "Lindy, Lindy".

My sisters and I went picking dandelion blossoms with my mother, grandma and aunt Molly (Amelia Ursich Kostelz). We picked several large baskets full. When we came home, the blossoms, along with sugar, yeast, oranges and lemons were made into dandelion wine. Every first Friday of the month Aunt Molly came down to church and she would take me to her house at 719 Nicholson Street to spend the day. In the

afternoon, we would go into her basement fruit cellar where there were rows and rows of canned fruit and pickles of every variety. Along with these, there was a small whiskey cask filled with the dandelion wine. She would fill two shot glasses, one for each of us. It was so sweet – like candy. How delicious! Her husband, my Uncle John, had a small grindstone attached to his workbench. She would give me a couple of nails and as I turned the wheel, the nails gave off wonderful sparks. It reminded me of the 4th of July.

Aunt Molly had a degree from the Joliet Conservatory of Music, located on Chicago Street in Joliet. When we went to her house in an evening she would play the piano and we would sing. "Dream Train" and "Oh 'dem golden slippers" were always popular with us. She taught piano for many years, and my sisters and I took lessons from her.

My grandpa, Michael Ursich was a joy. He would take a pinch of snuff and sniff it in his nose. We'd always ask for some and he'd give us a little. We'd spend some time sneezing afterward.

When he came home from work at the Steel Mill, we'd have to check out his lunch bucket to see what sort of treasure he'd left, perhaps a piece of fruit. One day while he was working he was struck on the head by a steel rod. He walked home with a fractured skull. Within a day or so he had lost his ability to speak. The company doctor thought it was nothing and didn't require hospitalization. Help came when my uncle Joe, the doctor, came down from Chicago and raised so much noise that the doctor and everyone at the hospital went scurrying to give Grandpa the care he needed. He recovered his speech and did not seem to have any ill effects later on. This precipitated his retirement.

He played a harmonica and always tapped his foot to the music. The tune I remember most was "Ach du Liber Augustine."

One day we went to Rockdale with my mother and grandmother to visit grandma's sister "Loiza" [Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar]. She was sick and in bed. They said she had 'dropsy' (edema). Her hands were very swollen. While there we visited with my mother's cousins, Margaret and Josephine [Oberstar], who had "hope chests". In these cedar chests were stored all the embroidered pillow cases, dresser scarves and crocheted items which were being saved for when they were married. They each had a pint of whiskey in their chest and shared some with each of us. It was the first time I had tasted whiskey, except for when we were sick and had to drink hot lemon tea with whiskey that made us sweat under tons of woolen blankets. I guess that was the penicillin of the time.

My mother's cousin Frances Oberstar Kerkos was a great lady with a wonderful smile and personality. I was greatly saddened with her passing.

Our Aunt Dorothy (Sister Walburga) worked for the Telephone Company as a switchboard operator before going to the convent. It seems the Telephone Company was located on Ottawa Street. We would sometimes take a walk there on a warm summer evening. The windows downstairs were open and we would stoop on the sidewalk and call to her and wave. I don't remember just when she left for the convent.

When Annie (sister Engratia) was retired and living at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, I would often visit her. One of the stories she told me about when she was growing up was about the time she and a friend went downtown. She was probably eight or nine years old. As they neared home, they walked through the alley on Indiana Street. On the corner there was a tavern. The tavern was burning rubbish in the middle of

the alley (this was quite a common practice). Annie's friend said, "Let's jump over the fire." Annie said no, but the other girl jumped, catching her long skirt on fire. She died as a result. I asked Engratia (Annie) what she did, and she said she ran home because she was scared.

Children of Michael and Amalija (Birsa) Ursich
Angela (born 1898), Joseph (born 1894),
Ann (born 1900), Amelia "Molly" (born 1896),

In loving memory of

Dorothy R. Setina Scholtes
July 23, 1924
June 23, 2001

As we remember our loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, we realize that our lives will never be the same - not just because of our loss at her passing, but because of all we have gained through her living.

PART II

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 - 1919

Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

12 **BENEDICT B. [2] BIRSA** (Anton[1]) was born 19 September 1863 in Vipava, Austria and died 29 January 1947 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 11 January 1892 in Joliet, Will County, IL to ANNA VISCEK[a], born 22 December 1866, Mokronog, Austria, died 3 March 1919 Joliet, Will County, IL, the daughter of Martin Viscek and Anna Wrabec. Anton Oberstar and Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar, brother-in-law and sister to Benedict, were witnesses to the marriage. Benedict Birsa was a coal-miner.

**Note the signatures of Benedict and Anna on their Marriage License.*

121 Joseph[3] BIRSA	b. 25 September 1892, Carbon Hill, Will Co. IL
122 Benjamin Joseph Birsa	b. 25 August 1894, Carbon Hill, Will Co. IL
123 Edward Birsa	b. 07 October 1896, Carbon Hill, Will Co. IL
124 Ludwig Birsa	b. 25 January 1899, Carbon Hill, Will Co. IL
125 Alvin Blaze Birsa	b. 03 February 1901, Toluca, Marshall Co., IL
126 Frank A. Birsa	b. 15 February 1903, Toluca, Marshall Co., IL
127 William Birsa	b. 1905, Toluca, Marshall Co., IL
128 Anna Birsa Sicinski	b. 19 March 1907, Toluca, Marshall Co., IL
129 Mary C. Birsa Giampaola	b. 20 March 1909, Toluca, Marshall Co., IL
12A Elsie Birsa	b. 1911, Rockdale, Will, IL

References:

a. Certificate of Marriage, Will County, Illinois No. 14454, Benedict Birsa and Anna Viscek, 11 January 1892
Information supplied by Patricia Ahlvin

Benedict[2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Certificate of Birth - Benedict[2] Birsa,
Born 19 September 1863
Son of Anton Birsa and Josepha Cigoj

Rcvd 10/30/34

Regno: **Italia** Diocesi: GORIZIA

Provincia: GORIZIA Ufficio parrocchiale CERNIZZA GORIZIANA

N. 98 30. Settembre 1934

Certificato di nascita - ~~matrimonio~~ - ~~morte~~

desunta dai registri originali Tom. V., fog. 103

Rilasciato su carta libera ad uso amministrativo

Risulta dalle matricole esistenti in quest'Ufficio parrocchiale che

Birsa Benedictus, fu Antonio e fu Giuseppina Cigoj, da Malone N° 30

nacque — ~~contrassero matrimonio~~ — ~~morì~~ — in questa parrocchia

addì 19. Settembre 1863.

PAROCH. DECAN. S. VITI CERNIZZA GORIZIANO

Firma del tenitore delle matricole:

Luigi Novak
parroco-decano.

Tipografia Cattolica — Gorizia.

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Translation of Certificate of Birth
Benedict[2] Birsa,
Born 19 September 1863

Son of Anton Birsa and Josepha Cigoj

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Benedict and Ann with firstborn, Joseph[3] Birsa (born 25 September 1892)

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Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Benedict and Ann Birsa with their children:
Left to Right:**Benedict Birsa, Joseph Birsa, Edward Birsa**
(b. 25 August 1894) (b. 25 Sep 1892) (b. 7 October 1896)

circa- spring 1897

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Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Birsa Homestead
219 Fisher Avenue
built by Benedict Birsa

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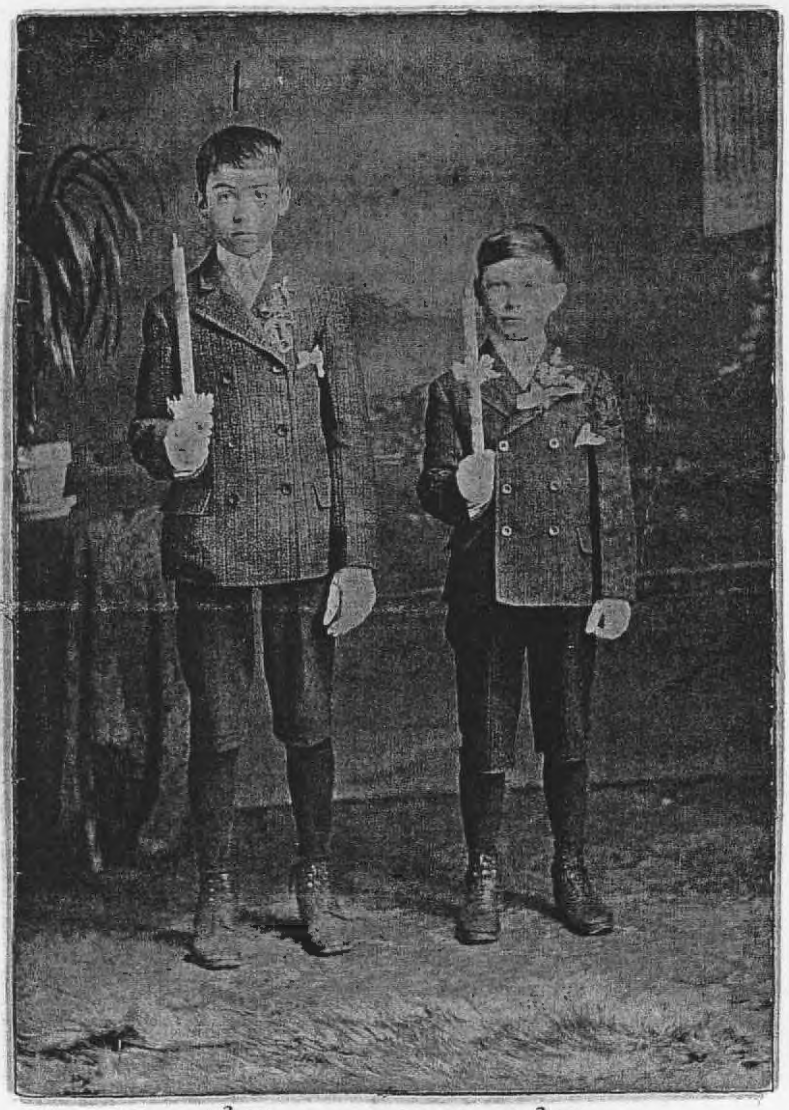
Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)



Joseph[3] Birsa and Benjamin[3] Birsa
(b. 25 Sept. 1982) (b. 25 August 1894)

sons of Benedict[2] and Anna Birsa
circa 1902

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Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Benedict[2] Birsa (b. 19 Sept. 1863) **with his sons**
Joseph[3] Birsa and Benjamin[3] Birsa
(b. 25 Sept. 1982) (b. 25 August 1894)
at the home of Benedict's sister, Amalija Birsa Ursich
at 115 Indiana Street, Joliet, Illinois
Note pictures of Amalija Birsa Ursich and Michael Ursich on the wall.
Circa 1904

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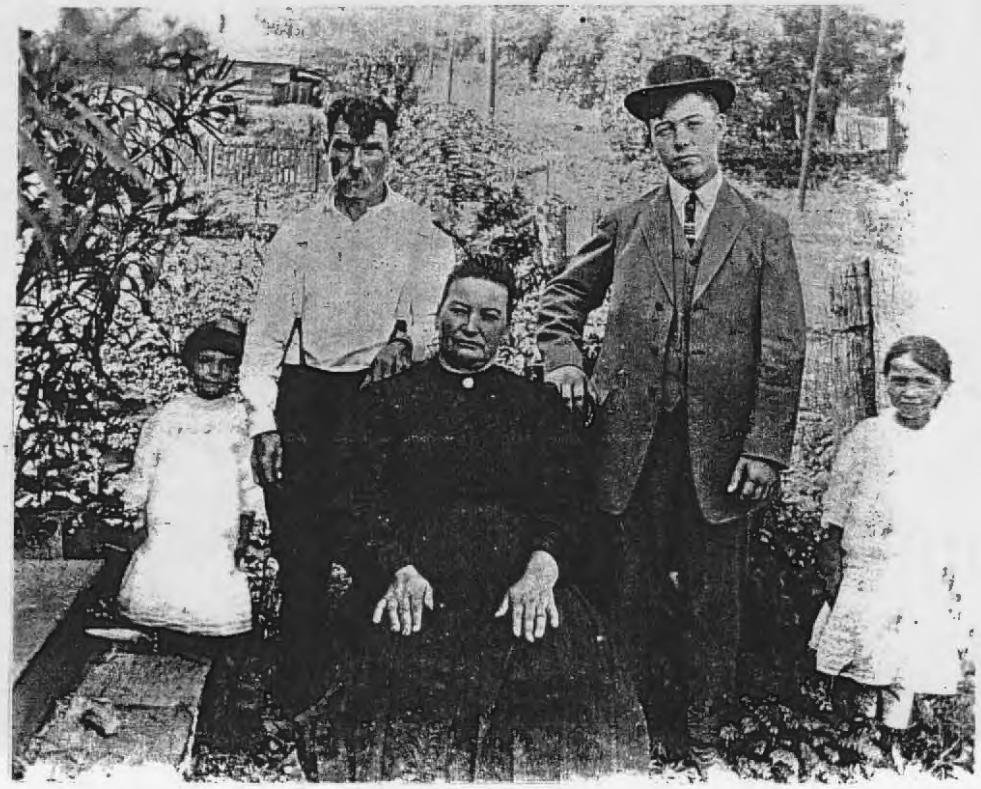
Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)



Left to Right:
Mary Birsa Giampaolo, Benedict Birsa, Anna Viscek Birsa, Joseph Birsa, Annie Birsa Sicinski

circa 1912

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Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Standing: **Alvin, cousin Joe Viscek, Benjamin, Edward, Joseph, Ludwig**
Seated in center: **Anna Viscek Birsa and Benedict Birsa**
Children: **Mary, Anna, Frank, Willie** (behind Frank)
Circa 1914

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family

Ann Viscek Birsa, wife of Benedict

Cut this off and give Parties married.

Marriage Certificate

County of WILL.

This Certifies

That Mr. Benedict Birsa of Joliet in the State of Illinois
and Mis Anna Visek of Joliet in the State of Illinois
were at Joliet in said County by me joined together in

HOLY MATRIMONY

According to the Ordinance of GOD and the Laws of the State of Illinois
on the 11th of Januar in the year of
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Two.

IN PRESENCE OF:
Antony Oberstar
Alojzija Oberstar

OUR LORD

J. A. Justesic, The Pastor
of the St. Joseph's Church

Illinois Printing Co. Joliet, Ill.

No. 1445.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THE PEOPLE
OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF WILL.

To any person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage Greeting.

Marriage may be celebrated

Between Mr. Benedikt Birsa of Joliet
in the County of Will and State of Illinois
of the age of Twenty eight years and Miss Anna Visek
of Joliet in the County of Will and State of
Illinois of the age of Twenty five years.

Witness at this Office in Joliet in said County this 4th day of January A. D. 1892.
Henry H. Stassen County Clerk and the seal of said County
Henry H. Stassen County Clerk.

State of Illinois
Will County } ss.

I, F. J. Justesen a Notary Public
hereby certify that Mr. Benedict Birsa and
Miss Anna Visek were united in Marriage by me at Joliet
in the County of Will and State of Illinois on the 11th day of Jan. A. D. 1892.
F. J. Justesen, the Pastor
of the St. Joseph's Church.

It is the duty of the person celebrating the Marriage to fill out and sign the above Certificate and to return the same, together with the License, to the County Clerk within thirty days after the Marriage is solemnized. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PENALTY FOR FAILING SO TO DO.

N 14454.

Marriage License.

ADULT.

Benedict Birsa

AND

Anna Visech

Issued January 4th 1892.

Married Jan 11th 1892

Registered Feb 18th 1892.

On Page 263 of Marriage Register 2.

Filed Feby 18th 1892

Henry H. Klassen
Clerk.

GAINOR PRINTING CO., PRINTERS AND STATIONERS, DANVILLE, ILL.

This Return is to be carefully filled out and returned with the Marriage License. This return must not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERETO.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full name of Groom, Benedict Birsa
2. Place of residence, Joliet
3. Occupation, Laborer
4. Age next birthday, 28 years. Color, White Race, Slavenian
5. Place of birth, Gorizia, Austria
6. Father's name, Antony Birsa
7. Mother's maiden name, Lajfa Cigol
8. Number of groom's marriage, first
9. Full name of BRIDE, Anna Visech
   Maiden name, if a widow,
10. Place of Residence, Joliet
11. Age next birthday, 25 years. Color, White Race, Slavenian
12. Place of birth, Austria
13. Father's name, Martin Visech
14. Mother's maiden name, Anna Urabec
15. Number of bride's marriage, first
16. Married at Joliet in the County of Will and State of Illinois, the 11th day of Jan. 1892
17. Witnesses to marriage, Anton Oberstar + Alojzija Oberstar

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, &c., marriage of each. At 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Joliet, Com. 11th 189 2

We hereby certify that the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Benedict Birsa [GROOM.]

Anna Visech [BRIDE.]

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.—

Dated at ..... this .....

day of ..... 189 ..

PART II SECTION I

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 - 1919

Third Generation Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

121 **JOSEPH A.[3] BIRSA** (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 September 1892, Carbon Hill, Illinois and died 10 November 1967. He was married 08 October 1919, Saint Mary's Croatian Catholic Church to ANNA M. SKROKO, born 23 July 1898 in Brazil, died 24 April 1981 Joliet, Will County, IL, age 82. Anna was the daughter of Peter and Mary (Minarich) Skroko. Joseph served with the United States Army enlisting 28 May 1918. He achieved the rank of Corporal 12 November 1918, and was discharged 11 December 1918 at Fort Screven, Georgia.. He served as a Local Board Member in the Selective Service System of the United States from 16 October 1940 to 31 May 1947. For this service, Joseph was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from President Harry Truman. Joseph was a candidate for Village clerk, Village of Rockdale, Illinois in the 19 April 1921 election. Both of these elections resulted in a tie vote against the same opponent. In both instances, the final election result was decided by the flip of a coin. Both times, Joseph lost the election. For 28 years, Joseph operated a grocery store in Rockdale. Joseph was employed by Will County, as a jailer from 1948 - 1960. Joseph died due to injuries received after his car was struck by an ambulance.

1211 Raymond J.[4] BIRSA	b. 02 December 1920
1212 Arthur Birsa (Ann)	b. 17 May 1922
1213 Joseph E. Birsa	b. 10 July 1923
1214 David W. BIRSA (Mary Lou)	b. 25 June 1933

References for Joseph A. Birsa:
Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, 11 December 1918
Certificate of Marriage, 08 October 1919, Saint Mary's Croatian Catholic Church
Selective Service System, Certificate of Service, 31 may 1947.

122 **BENJAMIN JOSEPH[3] BIRSA** (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 August 1894, Carbon Hill, Will County, Illinois and died 17 September 1979, buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Joliet, IL. He was married 14 October 1925 Joliet, Will County, Illinois to ROSE PATRICIA KONOWALSKI, born 26 March 1902, Joliet, Will County, Illinois, died 21 September 1971, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and is buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Joliet, IL. Rose is the daughter of Jacob T. Konowalski [b. 21 July 1876, Radom, IL - d. 2 June 1942, Joliet, IL] and Stella Majczhak [b. 8 October 1878, Krakow, Poland - d. 11 August 1955, Joliet, IL]

Benjamin attended High School for two years. During World War I, he served in the United States Army as a Private in Company D, 41st Infantry, Camp

Funston, Kansas, discharged in 1918. Benjamin worked as an insurance salesman 1925 - about 1935; he was employed by the American Steel and Wire Company 1935-1959 as a supervisor. He played baseball for the Rockdale Fire Department team. Benjamin enjoyed watching television, particularly baseball and football. He also enjoyed "Meet the Press" and any political programs. He was good at math and would figure income tax for some of his relatives. He served on the School Board in Rockdale, IL in the 1940's.

1221 Richard Benedict[4] BIRSA	b. 03 Oct. 1926 d. 27 March 1986
1222 Lorraine Rose Birsa	b. 05 July 1929
1223 Marilyn Patricia Birsa Ahlvin	b. 26 February 1932
1224 Donald James BIRSA (Nancy)	b. 23 April 1934
1225 Thomas James Birsa (Anne L.)	b. 16 July 1936
1226 Benedict John Birsa	b. 06 March 1938

123 EDWARD BENEDICT[3] BIRSA (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 October 1896, Carbon Hill, Illinois and died 09 October 1982, Joliet, Illinois. He was married 24 March 1928, Saint Mary Church, Aurora, IL to ALICE E. SMITH, born 18 February 1907, Loon Lake (near Antioch), Illinois and died 24 December 1993, Joliet, IL. Edward and Alice are buried at Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL Alice is the daughter of Alexander smith [b. 31 October 1872, Wilton Center, IL - d. 19 May 1939, Joliet, IL, buried Antioch, IL] and Sarah E. Elsbury Smith [b. 23 October 1878, Elwood, IL - d. 15 October 1949, Joliet, IL, buried Antioch, IL]

1231 Edward B.[4] BIRSA	b. 15 October 1929
1232 Marianne Birsa Vukosovich	b. 01 December 1930
1233 Dorothy Birsa Tomasino	b. 04 August 1932
1234 Ellen Birsa Seeman	b. 04 July 1935
1235 John A. Birsa	b. 10 May 1938
1236 Andrew Birsa	b. 26 March 1941

124 LUDWIG[3] BIRSA (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 January 1899, Toluca, Marshall County, Illinois and died 02 September 1998, at Salem Village, Joliet, Will County, IL at the age of 99 years. Ludwig lived in Toluca until 1910, then moved to Rockdale, IL Ludwig lived most of his life in the house his father built in Rockdale. Ludwig graduated from Rockdale Grade School in 1915. He then went to two years of high school in Joliet. He was never married, and lived with his father, brother, Alvin and sister, Mary Birsa Giampaola and her family. Ludwig owned and operated, with his brother Frank, Birsa Brothers Trucking in Rockdale, IL They sold gasoline but also had their own trucks and did hauling of asphalt and stone. Ludwig, being a genius with motors, did all the repairs on their equipment. He also was the head mechanic for Waly Lambert, the 1970 Midget RaceCar Champion.

In later years, he sold his trucks and became a driver for the Crown Trygg Company. In 1929, he owned and flew his own airplane until he crashed at the Kankakee Airport. A gifted mechanic, Lud worked on many vehicles well up until

his 90's. His love of motors continued after he retired and at the age of 91 he was awarded a United States Patent for Emission Control, an anti-pollution service. Ludwig enjoyed restoring antique cars and would drive a golf cart over to his garage at the age of 98 to work on them.

He was the family historian not only in what he could tell you, but by all the movies he took of the parades, parties, special events and weddings of his family and friends. He also loved to read, especially about old fire engines and cars of any kind. He enjoyed cooking and especially, fixing lunch everyday for his nephew, Ron, who visited him every afternoon for lunch until he became ill, shortly before his death. He spent a lot of winters in Naples, Florida. He remained living alone in his own home in Rockdale until, the age of 99, when he fell and broke his hip.

Story submitted by Ronald Giampaolo and Dorothy Birsa Tomasino and Ellen Birsa Seeman.

125 ALVIN BLAISE[3] BIRSA "Binka" (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 03 February 1901, Toluca, Marshall County, Illinois and died 30 March 1994 Joliet, Will County, Illinois, age 93. Alvin was a lifelong resident of Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. He owned and operated Birsa Brothers Ice Company. In his later years he worked for Crown Rock Asphalt, Joliet, IL He was a member of Laborers Local #75.

Alvin lived with his sister, Mary, until his death in 1994. He enjoyed Florida fishing, coin and shell collecting. Until the day he passed away, Alvin would rather listen to the radio than watch television.

Story submitted by Dorothy Birsa Tomasino and Ellen Birsa Seeman.

126 FRANK A.[3] BIRSA (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 15 February 1903, Toluca, Marshall County, Illinois and died 17 October 1976, Joliet, Illinois. Buried Resurrection Cemetery. He was married 03 November 1926 to CLARA KONOWALSKI, born 26 March 1904, died 29 July 1986, age 82 . Clara was the daughter of Jacob T. Konowalski [b. 21 July 1876, d. 2 June 1942] and Stella Majczhak [b. 8 October 1878, d. 11 August 1955]

In partnership with his brother, Ludwig, Frank operated the Birsa Brothers Trucking for many years; also employed by Crown-Trygg for three years. He retired in 1973. Frank was a member of the Saint Joseph Church, Rockdale, IL Holy Name Society and the Teamsters Local union.

1261 Robert F.[4] BIRSA	b. 26 August 1927
1262 James J. Birsa	b. 30 January 1930
1263 Joan Birsa Traven	b. 25 January 1932
1264 Paul Birsa	b. 30 September 1936

127 WILLIAM[3] BIRSA (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born about 1905, Toluca, Marshall County, Illinois and died 18 September 1913. William Birsa is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery with his parents, Benedict and Anna (Viscek) Birsa.

128 ANNA J.[3] BIRSA SICINSKI (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 March 1907, Toluca, Marshall County, Illinois and died 16 March 2001, Sun City West, Arizona. She is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. She was married 26 October 1933, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, Illinois to LEO ALEXANDER. SICINSKI, born 18 July 1908, and died 01 July 1980. Leo is the son of John and Tekla Sicinski.
Anna graduated from Rockdale Grade School, 1922. She worked at American Can Company and the Joliet Navy Yard. Ann was a homemaker most of their marriage, raising her two children.
Leo and Ann both came from large families (Leo had six brothers and three sisters). Ann and Leo resided most of their marriage in the family homestead on Elwood Street in Joliet, keeping their eye on Leo's mother. After her death, they moved to Cherry Hill in Joliet and retired to Florida for a number of years. They returned to the Joliet area in Plainfield, later taking a condo on Madison Street across from Saint Joseph's Hospital where they lived until their son, Leo R., died in 1997. Then they moved to Gray's Lake, IL to be with their daughter, Delores, until they retired. The family retired in Sun City West Arizona with Ann, where she spent the rest of her days enjoying what she loved – the sun and good weather. Memorial services were held at Saint Joseph church in Rockdale, IL for Ann after her death.

Story submitted by Dorothy Birsa Tomasino and Carole Panice Sicinski

1281 Delores Sicinski (Gerald Nasenbeny) b. 14 August 1934
1282 Leo R.[4] SICINSKI b. 22 March 1938

129 MARY C.[3] BIRSA GIAMPAOLO (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 March 1909, Toluca, Marshall County, Illinois and died 01 December 1996. Buried Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL. She was married 28 June 1934, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL to ELMER H. GIAMPAOLO Sr., born 05 December 1909 and died 11 October 1963. Elmer is the son of Salvatore Giampaola [b. 08 June 1877 - d. 17 July 1948, Joliet, IL] and Crucifician (Meloni) Giampaolo [b. 03 May 1881 - d. 16 July 1972]. Mary graduated from Rockdale Grade School 1923. Mary's mother passed away when she was only ten years old. Mary started to help care for her father and brothers. As she grew older, and her brothers and sisters married, she remained in the home place to care for her father and two brothers who remained bachelors. After her marriage, she and her husband continued to live in the home place and care for her father and brothers. When her father, Benedict, passed away, Mary had three children of her own. Alvin and Ludwig, who never married, asked Mary, Elmer and the children to remain with them. When Mary's two oldest children were married and her youngest son was in the service, her husband, Elmer, died suddenly of a heart attack. Mary continued to care for her brothers. In the winter they lived in their home in Naples, Florida and would return to Rockdale in the summer. Alvin passed away in 1994. Mary became ill and passed away in 1996. When Mary was alive she enjoyed her home, cooking, reading, sewing. She also enjoyed watching and visiting with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

1291 Elmer H. [4] GIAMPAOLO Jr.	b. 05 January 1936
1292 Ronald Giampaolo	b.29 January 1944
1293 Nancy Giampaolo Porfillio	b. 18 April 1939

Story submitted by Dorothy Birsa Tomasino and Ellen Birsa Seeman.

12A ELSIE[3] BIRSA (Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 1911, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois and died 1912 (?). She is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois with her parents.

PART II SECTION 2

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 - 1919

Fourth Generation Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

1211 RAYMOND J[4] BIRSA (Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 December 1920, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He died 20 November 2000, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 1932; Saint Joseph School, Joliet, IL 1935; Joliet Catholic High School 1939; Joliet Junior College 1940.

Raymond served in the United States Army 06 January 1943 to 04 February 1946. He served in New Guinea September 1944-December 1944; in Luzon, Philippines 13 January 1945 - 02 September 1945; Japan 09 September 1945 - 15 January 1946. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, Asiatic and Pacific Medal with two Bronze Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 Bronze Battle Star.

Raymond has held various clerical jobs in the Agents Office for Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway from May 1941 to June 1, 1981. He enjoys photography, down hill skiing, reading and travel. He has visited more than 50 countries, some several times. He has traveled all over the United States and Canada, including Hawaii and Alaska. Raymond played clarinet in the Saint Joseph Grade School and the Joliet Catholic High School bands.

1212 ARTHUR B. [4] BIRSA (Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born17 May 1922, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 24 July 1948 at Saint Mary Nativity church, Joliet, Will County, Illinois to ANNE CHEBUHAR, born 06 March 1925, Iowa, daughter of George Chebuhar [b. 12 March 1887, Yugoslavia, d. 1974, Illinois] and France Mance [b. 1889, Yugoslavia, d. 22 February 1961, Illinois].

Arthur is a graduate of Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 19__; Joliet Township High School 19__. He served in the United States Navy as a Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, entering the service 3 May 1943, and discharged 14 February 1946. He was awarded the Victory ribbon, American Area, Asiatic Pacific Medal (7 Stars), Philippine Liberation Medal (2 Stars). Arthur was involved in seven invasions, plus two Philippine invasions. He also received the Presidential Unit citation for battles in the Philippines.

Arthur was employed 18 years as a partner in the tavern business from 1947-1964. From 1964-1982 he was co-partner of Franksville Restaurant, Joliet, Illinois. For 39 years, he has been involved in commercial property. Arthur enjoys golf.

12121 Dennis[5] BIRSA b. 07 February 1950
12122 Gary Birsa b. 30 September 1954
12123 Leanne Birsa Murray b. 18 November 1958

1213 JOSEPH E. [4] BIRSA (Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 July 1923, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He is a graduate of Rockdale Public School; Saint Joseph Grade School, 1938; Joliet Township High School 1941.

Joseph served with the United States Navy from 06 January 1944 to 19 April 1946 in the South Pacific. He was awarded the American Defense Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal, and the Victory Medal.

Joseph was co-owner with his brother Arthur of the Port Hole Tavern, Rockdale, IL 1947 - 1965. He was also co-owner with Arthur of Franksville Fast Food Restaurant in Joliet, IL from 1965 until his retirement in January 1981. Joseph raced and owned stock cars and midget racers and is still a big racing fan. He played coronet in the Saint Joseph School and the Joliet Township High School Bands and in the Harwood Post American Legion Band Drum and Bugle Corps.

1214 DAVID W.[4] BIRSA (Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 June 1933, Joliet, Will County Illinois. He was married 19 August 1961 in Saint Raymond's Cathedral, Joliet, Illinois to MARY LOUISE FONCK, born 02 January 1940, Joliet, IL, daughter of John Peter Fonck [b. 20 February 1911, Joliet, IL, d. 13 March 1993] and Lucille Govoni,[b. 30 March 1912]. David is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 1947; Joliet Catholic High School 1951; Joliet Junior College 1953; Saint Joseph's College, Indiana, B.S. in business Administration 1955. He was a senior buyer for Caterpillar, retiring 01 September 1998 after 42 years of service. David enjoys tennis, biking, and repair and maintenance of older collectable autos.

12141 Anita[5] L. BIRSA b. 16 May 1962
12142 Beth M. Birsa b. 24 November 1963
12143 Christine A. Birsa b. 04 February 1968

1221 RICHARD BENEDICT[4] BIRSA (Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 03 October 1926, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 27 March 1986, Chicago, IL. He served in the United States Army, enlisting in May 1944, and serving until August 1946. Richard is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 1940; Joliet Township High School 1944; Loyola University, Chicago, IL, 1949. He served in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. Richard was employed as a pension administrator for Borg Warner, Chicago, IL for 35 years.

1222 LORRAINE ROSE[4] BIRSA PEDERSEN (Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 July 1929, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 16 May 1953, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, Illinois to CHARLES LINDBERG PEDERSEN, born 16 January 1928, Joliet, Illinois, died 25 November 1967, Joliet, IL. Charles was the son of William Pedersen [b. 1894, Joliet, IL - d. 14 February 1956, Joliet, IL] and Mayme Stark Pedersen [b. 1896, Joliet, IL - d. 14 July 1994, Aurora, IL].

Lorraine is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 1943; Joliet Township High School 1947. She worked for Joliet Lumber 1947 - 1954; and for Vidmar Buick 1979-1996. Lorraine enjoys crossword puzzles, reading, traveling and babysitting. She is a member of the Parent Association for Trinity Services.

12221 Charles R.[5] PEDERSEN	b. 25 August 1954
12222 Lawrence J. Pedersen	b. 10 September 1955
12223 Karen A. Pedersen	b. 18 June 1957

1223 MARILYN PATRICIA[4] BIRSA (Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 26 February 1932, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 11 May 2001, Racine, Wisconsin. She is buried Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL. She was married 7 September 1956, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Rockdale, IL to LAWRENCE ALBERT AHLVIN, born 13 April 1931, Joliet, IL. Lawrence is the son of Irvin Ahlvin [b. 23 June 1902, Joliet, IL - d. 12 January 1975, Whittier, CA] and Vivienne Turner Ahlvin [b. 27 January 1907, Ottawa, IL - d. 13 November 1984, Baldwin Park, CA]. Pat is a graduate of Joliet Township High School 1949; Saint Joseph's School of Nursing 1952. She worked as a registered nurse in the office of Dr. Kinney 1952-1956; at Cole Hospital as a staff nurse 1957-1960; and at Lincoln Lutheran Home, as a staff nurse 1978 - 1994. Pat played trombone in her grade school and high school band. Her hobbies include reading, crossword puzzles, cooking, traveling. Pat enjoys bicycling, walking and attending monthly meetings of a group for inactive nurses.

12231 Eric L.[5] AHLVIN	b. 14 July 1957
12232 Carol J. Ahlin	b. 15 February 1960
12233 Susan J. Ahlvin	b. 21 September 1961
12234 Allen C. Ahvin	b. 19 April 1968

1224 DONALD JAMES[4] BIRSA (Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 23 April 1934 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 15 September 1956, Saint Johns Catholic Church, Joliet, IL to NANCY JEAN RICHARDSON, born 14 October 1934, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Lonnie Richardson [b. June 1896, Joliet, IL - d. May 1956, Joliet, IL] and Irene Conant [b. Nov. 1903, Joliet, IL - d. Feb. 1972, Joliet, IL]. Donald is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School, Rockdale, IL 1949; Joliet Township High School, 1952; Joliet Junior College 1954; attended Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa 1956. He served with the United States Army 1954-56, Camp Chaffer, Arkansas; Camp Roeder, Austria; Manheim, Germany, and achieved the rank of corporal. Donald worked for Copley Newpapers in advertising, sales and management from 1958-1996. He worked for New Catholic Explorer, Diocese of Joliet Newspaper, advertising manager 1996 - present. Donald was a good high school and college athlete (football and baseball. He won several awards for advertising design. He is a member and officer of many fraternal and professional organizations.

12241 Donald [5] BIRSA Junior	b. 11 December 1957

12242 Terrance Birsa b. 10 December 1959
12243 Sally Birsa Honiotes b. 07 March 1962
12244 Melissa Birsa Trepel b. 19 July 1965
12245 Carrie Birsa Stiteley b. 15 April 1971

1225 THOMAS JAMES[4] BIRSA (Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 16 July 1936 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 20 February 1960 to ANN L. CROWTHER.

1226 BENEDICT JOHN[4] BIRSA (Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 06 March 1938, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 18 September 1965 to CAROLE MARIE FITZGERALD, born 15 May 1943, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Harley Fitzgerald [b. 02 March 1912 Manhattan, IL - d. 15 June 1971, Joliet, IL] and Mary Anita Carlos [b. 26 October 1915, Manteno, IL - d. 12 October 1985, Joliet, IL].

He served in the United States Army 1961 - 1963, Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii. Benedict is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School, 1956; Joliet Junior College, 1958. He worked for Wells Lamont Corporation, Niles, IL as vice president of Sales, retiring after 30 years of service. He enjoys reading and all sports, especially golf.

12261 Wendy[5] BIRSA b. 07 October 1972
12262 Deron Birsa b. 03 June 1975

1231 EDWARD B. [4] JR. (Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was 15 October 1929, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He died 27 December 1929 in Joliet, IL from a staphylococcal infection. Edward is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL with his grandmother and grandfather, Benedict and Ann Viscek Birsa, at the foot of his grandmother's grave.

1232 MARIANNE[4] BIRSA VUKOSOVICH (Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 01 December 1930, Joliet, Will County, IL. She was married 15 July 1949, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL to PETER VUKOSOVICH, born 25 July 1927, Argo, IL, the son of John Vukosovich and Mary Snyder [b. 02 February 1907, McCook, IL].

12321 Patricia 5 VUKOSOVICH Tupy b. 22 December 1950
12322 Ellen Vukosovich Young b. 29 December 1952
12323 Mary Kay Vukosovich Jenkner b. 20 January 1959

1233 DOROTHY M.[4] BIRSA TOMASINO (Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 August 1932, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 08 September 1951, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Rockdale, IL to ALEX TOMASINO, born 15 October 1928, Mark, IL, the son of Alexander Tomasino [b.27 January 1876, Monastero, Italy - d. 15 June 1938, Joliet, IL] and Katherine Vinardi Tomasino [b.

21 December 1884, Toreno, Italy - d. 27 June 1968, Joliet, IL. Alexander Tomasino and Katherine Vinardi were married 18 January 1910, Cedar Point, IL.

Dorothy is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 1946; Providence High, 1950. At that time, Providence High was an all girls school on Ottawa Street in downtown Joliet. She worked in Chicago for an insurance company, retiring in 1953, when her first son was born. Dorothy likes to read, knit, browse antique stores.

12331 Edward F.[5] TOMASINO	b. 31 March 1953
12332 Nancy M. Tomasino Wakefield	b. 24 November 1955
12333 Robert J. Tomasino	b. 29 June 1958

1234 ELLEN ALICE[4] BIRSA SEEMAN (Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 July 1935, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 22 August 1953, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Rockdale, IL to DONALD LE ROY SEEMAN, born 22 October 1932, Joliet, IL. Donald is the son of Le Roy Clarence Seeman [b. 04 December 1907, Joliet, IL - d. 18 February 1998] and Minnie M. Giocoletto [b. 17 August 1910, Mark, IL - d. 18 February 1983, Joliet, IL]. LeRoy Seeman and Minnie Giocoletto were married 28 November 1929, St. Anthony Rectory, Joliet, IL and are buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL.

Ellen is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 1949; Providence High School 1953, which was then an all girls school on Ottawa Street in downtown Joliet, IL. She was the recipient of a scholarship and voice medal to Saint Mary of the Woods in Indiana, but declined the scholarship to marry. Ellen continued her singing through solo work at church weddings. She worked in the accounting offices of Illinois Bell from June 1953 until July 1954; and Sears Roebuck from 1954-56. Ellen spent the remaining years as a mother and housewife. Ellen enjoys reading, knitting, golf, playing the flute and babysitting her grandchildren. She is a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Patrick's Church, Joliet, IL.

12341 Deborah Ann[5] SEEMAN	b. 30 October 1954
12342 Michael Paul Seeman	b. 05 September 1956
12343 Daniel Joseph Seeman	b. 17 December 1959
12344 Donald Frederick Seeman	b. 28 February 1965

1235 JOHN ANTHONY[4] BIRSA (Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born at home 10 May 1938, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. He was married 09 May 1964, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Morris, IL to MARY JANE NIEWINSKI, born 20 October 1941, Morris, IL, the daughter of Henry Niewinski [b. 15 October 1909, Chicago, IL - d. 01 October 1954, Morris, IL] and Frances R. Kein Niewinski [b. 13 April 1911, Morris, IL - d. 24 October 1991, Morris, IL]. John is a graduate of Saint Joseph's Catholic School, Rockdale, IL 1952; Joliet Catholic High School, 1956. He served with the United States Navy as Commissary Seaman from 1958 until his honorable discharge in 1960. In 1964, he obtained a job at Caterpillar Tractor Company as a welder, working for 33 1/2

years, retiring 01 July 1997. Jack enjoys golf, bowling, volunteer work at the Knights of Columbus. Mary Jane works in the offices of Plainfield High School.

12351 Kathy [5] BIRSA Guglielmucci	b. 22 March 1965
12352 Lisa Birsa Hurd	b. 01 October 1967
12353 John A. Birsa Jr.	b. 10 February 1970

1236 ANDREW MICHAEL[4] BIRSA (Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born at home 26 March 1941, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois.. He was married 08 August 1964, Saint Thaddeus Catholic Church, Joliet, IL to BARBARA TICHY, born 13 May 1943, the daughter of Joseph Tichy [killed in action during World War II, buried Arlington National Cemetery] and Pauline Lewek Tichy Martin [b. 29 November 19__, Joliet, IL - d. 08 October 1978, Joliet, IL. Andrew is a graduate of Saint Joseph's Catholic School, Rockdale, IL 1955; Joliet Catholic High School 1959; Joliet Junior College 1960. He worked construction for a few years before going to work for Commonwealth Edison as a Shift Engineer, working for 28 years, retiring inn 1997. He is now a consultant for Commonwealth Edison. Andrew enjoys woodcraft, golf, coaching children's sports. His wife, Barbara is a bacteriologist at Will County Health Department.

12361 Sandra[5] Birsa Schimanski	b. 02 December 1968
12362 Susie Birsa Swauson	b. 11 October 1970
12363 Michelle Birsa Snyder	b. 04 December 1972
12364 Andrew M. Birsa	b. 02 October 1974
12365 Nicole Birsa	b. 25 February 1980

1261 ROBERT F.[4] BIRSA (Frank A.[3],Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 26 August 1927, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 22 November 1952 at the Cathedral of Saint Raymond to AUDRIE J. BIRKETT. Audrey is the daughter of Merrill B. Birkett [b. 17 June 1902, Plainfield, IL, d. 30 June 1985, Venice, Florida] and Eleanor C. Winkler[b. 24 December 1903, Lockport, IL, d. 17 July 1990, Venice, Florida]. Robert is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School, 1941; St. Bede Academy, Peru, IL, 1945; St. Bede Junior College, Peru, IL, 1950, Joliet Junior College, Associates Degree in fire Science, 1973. He served with the United States Merchant marine 1945-1946. He served with the United Stated Army, 11th Airborne Division, 1946 - 1947, in occupied Japan. Robert was employed by the City of Joliet fire Department from 1961 to 1992. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

12611 Keith A.[5] BIRSA	b. 22 July 1955
12612 Dawn D. Birsa Barnes	b. 12 January 1962

1262 JAMES J.[4] BIRSA (Frank A.[3],Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 30 January 1930, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He died 03 January 1994. James was never married.

He is a graduate of Quincy College 1952, B.S. in Commerce. James served with the United States Army until 1954. He was employed by Liquors, Inc. in Joliet for many years.

1263 JOAN[4] BIRSA TRAVEN (Frank A.[3],Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 January 1932, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 26 September 1953, Saint Joseph Church, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois to WILLIAM R. TRAVEN, born 12 October 1927, Joliet, IL and died 11 October 1977, Chicago, IL. William was the son of John Traven Sr. [b. 17 October 1880, Austria - d. 01 November 1964, Joliet, IL] and Christine Pueschel Traven [b. 29 November 1891, Austria - d. 11 March 1979, Joliet, IL]. Joan is a graduate of Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, 1949. She was employed as a secretary at the Joliet Correctional Center 1975 - 1992. Joan enjoys reading and traveling.

12631 Joan Claire[5] TRAVEN	b. 28 August 1954
12632 Janet Traven	b. 05 June 1957
12633 Jeffrey Traven	b. 11 April 1963
12634 Joyce Traven	b. 11 April 1963

1264 PAUL[4] F. BIRSA (Frank A.[3],Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 30 September 1936, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 18 June 1960, Saint John Cantius Church, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan to ARLENE P. LESLIE, born 18 December 1936, Detroit Michigan. Arlene is the daughter of Louis Leslie [b. 25 March 1910, Auburn, IL - d. 02 November 1988, Allen Park, Michigan] and Helen Rembiesa Leslie [b. 08 February 1916, Detroit, MI - d. 11 January 1991, Allen Park, MI]. Paul is a graduate of Saint Joseph's Grade School, Rockdale, IL 1950; St. Bede Academy, Peru, IL, 1954; Joliet Junior College, 1956; Lewis University, Lockport, IL 1962, B.S. in Industrial Arts. He served with the United States Army 1956 - 1958, Fort Riley, Kansas as an aviation mechanic. Paul worked as an instructor at Lewis University 1958-62; General Motors Truck Division, 1962-92 as an instructor; service engineer; supervisor and Service Manager. Paul enjoys playing golf, woodworking and mountain hiking.

12641 Andrea[5] BIRSA	b. 10 June 1961
12642 Kristine Birsa	b. 14 November 1964
12643 Jill Birsa	b. 24 October 1967

1281 DELORES[4] SICINSKI NASENBENY (Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) (Gerald Nasenbeny) was born 14 August 1934, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 12 February 1955 to JERRY NASENBENY.

12811 Susan[5] NASENBENY Byrne	b. 14 June 1957
12812 Robert[5] Nasenbeny	b. 11 December 1958

12813 Abby[5] Nasenbeny Kenton b. 17 January 1961
12814 Gordon[5] Nasenbeny b. 26 March 1964

1282 LEO R.[4] SICINSKI (Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 26 March 1938, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 02 July 1988, Joliet IL. He was married 22 September 1962, Saint Blasé Parish, Argo, IL to CAROLE PANICE. Leo and Carole met at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, where Carole worked as an Rn and Leo worked as an X-ray technician. After their marriage, Leo was employed at Caterpillar as a medical technician for 27 years. Carole continued at Saint Joseph' Hospital doing oncology management until her retirement after 30 years in 1993. She is currently employed as Joliet Hospice as Vice President. Carole married Mario DeBenedetti from Milano Baking Company, who also has four children. Together they have 15 grandchildren.

12821 Thomas[5] SICINSKI b. 13 October 1963
12822 Cheryle Sicinski Gomez b. 13 January 1965
12823 Scott Sicinski b. 06 August 1966
12824 Lee A. Sicinski b. 19 September 1981

1291 ELMER H.[4] GIAMPAOLO Jr. (Mary[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 January 1936; he died 29 November 1991, Naples, Florida of pancreatic cancer. He was married (1) about 1962 to CAROL STACH; (2) about 1980 to BETTY GILLIS. While living in Joliet, Elmer drove a truck. He moved to Naples, Florida in 1972 and there owned Caribbean Furniture. Later, he worked for Arub Pest Control as a salesman.

1292 RONALD[4] GIAMPAOLO (Mary[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 29 January 1944, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 03 August 1965, Saint Mary's Carmelite Church, Joliet, IL to JOANN DOYLE, born 10 august 1946, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Joseph Doyle [b. 29 January 1909 - d. 10 March 1983, Joliet, IL] and Nora McCarthy [b. 08 December 1913 - d. 08 March 1993, Joliet, IL]. Ronald is a graduate of Saint Joseph's Grade School, Rockdale, IL 1958; Joliet Township High School 1962. He served in the United States Army at Fort Knox, 1962; Fort Dix, New Jersey, 1962; Germany 1963. Ronald has worked for CDT Landfill as a mechanic; Dupree, Inc., truck repairs; Allesio and Sons, rental manager. His hobbies include restoring old cars and midget racecars.

12921 Elizabeth[5] GIAMPAOLO Dobczyk b. 05 September 1969
12922 Jeffrey Giampaolo b. 07 August 1970
12923 Julie Giampaolo Daugherty b. 28 February 1972
12924 Jill Giampaolo b. 28 March 1974
12925 Michael Giampaolo b. 20 April 1982

1293 **NANCY[4] GIAMPAOLO PORTFILLIO** (Mary[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 April 1939, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 04 April 1959, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL to LANCE PORFILLIO, born 26 February 1938, the son of Dominic Porfillio.

12931	**Denise[5] PORTFILIIO Ahmad**	b. 30 April 1960
12932	**Carrie PortfillioWescott Cataudella**	b. 25 November 1961
12933	**Lance Mark Porfillio**	b. 28 November 1964
12934	**Brent A. Porfillio**	b. 23 September 1966
12935	**Lisa Porfillio**	b. 26 September 1970

PART II SECTION 3

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
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Fifth Generation Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

12121 DENNIS[5] BIRSA (Arthur[4], Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 February 1950, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 11 October 1997, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, San Diego, San Diego County, California to DIANE KRIKORIAN, born 28 March 1961, Fresno, CA. Diane is the daughter of John Krikorian [b. 07 March 1934, Marseiles, France] and Tomasina DeVincentis [b. 04 December 1939, Fresno, CA]. Dennis is a graduate of Saint Joseph's Grade School 1964; Joliet Catholic High School 1968; Illinois State University, B.S. 1973. He works in restaurant equipment sales for United Restaurant Source, Denver, Colorado from December 1995 to present. Dennis enjoys sports, both as a participant and a spectator. He especially enjoys golf and fitness.

12122 GARY[5] BIRSA (Arthur[4], Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 30 September 1954, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Gary is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School 1972; Illinois State University, Bloomington- Normal, IL, 1976. He works for the state of Florida as an investigator, and resides in Fort Meyers, Florida.

12123 LEANNE[5] BIRSA MURRAY (Arthur[4], Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 November 1958, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 09 May 1981, Saint Joseph Church, Rockdale, Illinois to TIMOTHY P. MURRAY, born 21 November 1955, East St. Louis, Illinois. Timothy is the son of William Murray [b. 04 January 1925, East St. Louis, IL, d. 08 February 1976, Joliet, Illinois] and Elizabeth Keeton [b. 06 February 1929, Chester, IL]. Leanne is a graduate of Saint Joseph Grade School, Rockdale, IL 1970; Dirksen Junior High School 1972; Saint Francis Academy 1976; Eastern Illinois University, 1980, B.S. Home Economics and Business. Leanne is a realtor for the Heartland Group since 1991; deputy assessor, Plainfield Township Assessor Office, Plainfield, Illinois since 1994. She currently holds C.I.A.O. designation from the State of Illinois. Leanne enjoys biking, swimming, golf and skiing with her husband and children.

121231 Patrick[6] MURRAY b. April 1988
121232 Daniel[6] MURRAY b. April 1992

12141 **ANITA[5] BIRSA** (David[4] Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 16 May 1962, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She is a graduate of Saint Francis Academy 1980; College of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL 1984, B.A. in journalism and communications. Employed as Director of Marketing for the Orange County Center for Performing Arts Irving, California. Anita is currently working in Chicago as an Interior Decorator.

12142 **BETH M.[5] BIRSA** (David[4] Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 24 November 1963, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 01 April 2000 to HAYES ABRAMS. She is a graduate of Saint Francis Academy, 1981; Saint Norbert College, 1985, B.A. in elementary education; National Lewis University, M.A. in special education. Beth teaches in Glenview, Illinois. She is currently working toward her doctorate degree. She resides in Chicago, IL.

121421 Rhese Birsa[6] ABRAMS b.19 November 2002

12143 **CHRISTINE A.[5] BIRSA** (David[4] Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 February 1968, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 2003 to JONATHEN PALMER. Christilne is a graduate of Saint Francis Academy 1986; Eastern Illinois University, 1990, B.S. in graphic design and business; the Portfolio Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Christine resides in Portland, Oregon as an advertising art director.

12221 **CHARLES R.[5] PEDERSEN** (Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 August 1954, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Charles "Chuck" is a resident of trinity Services, Joliet, IL since September 1990.

12222 **LAWRENCE J.[5] PEDERSEN** (Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 September 1955, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 11 November 1989, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Joliet, Illinois to JEANNETTE BLOTNICK. Jeannette was born 10 November 1962, Joliet, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas and Patricia (Kucinic) Blotnick. Lawrence is a graduate of St. Paul the apostle Grade School, 1969; Joliet Catholic Academy 1973, attended Northern Illinois University. He works for Apollo Color as a lab technician. Jeannette is a graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy, 1980; University of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL; M.A. in Social Work. She is employed as school social worker in LaGrange, Illinois.

122221 Samuel[6] PEDERSEN b.25 July 1992
122222 Emily[6] PEDERSEN b.14 March 1995

12223 **KAREN A.[5] PEDERSEN** (Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 June 1957, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 27 November 1982, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Joliet, Illinois to DAVID MARK LATZ, born 7 September 1955, Joliet, Illinois. David is the son of LeRoy William Latz [b. 14 August 1919, Joliet – d. 2 December 1997, Joliet, buried

Woodlawn Cemetery, Joliet]and Ruth Reed Latz [b. 9 August 1920 – d. 19 August 1995. LeRoy and Ruth Latz were married 14 August 1939.

Karen is a graduate of Saint Paul the Apostle School; Saint Francis Academy; Joliet Junior College, AS in Interior Design. She worked in the interior design business until 1984 when her first son was born. Karen enjoys many hobbies including scrapbooking, painting and working in her yard and pond. She also enjoys traveling with her family. The last nine years, Karen has worked part time at Saint Patrick School in Joliet.

At the time of their marriage, David was a teacher. He now has a home-based business handling structured settlements and annuities.

122231 Mark Tyler[6] LATZ b.25 September 1984
122232 Michael David Latz b. 01 November 1986
122233 Abbey Lee Latz b. 03 February 1990

12231 ERIC L.[5] AHLVIN (Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 July 1957, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 23 June 1979, Grace Lutheran church, Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin to LINDA LEE SERSTING. Linda was born 02 December 1957, Heidelberg, Germany, the daughter of Fredrick Ernest Kersting [b. 20 June 1934, Black River Falls, WI] and Nancy Lee Kersting [b. 29 April 1937, Beaver Dam, WI]. Eric is a graduate of University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, B.S. in electrical engineering. He is involved in new product development for Hewlett-Packard since 1980. Eric is a pilot and enjoys restoring old airplanes as well as bicycling.

122311 Katherine Lee[6] AHLVIN b.19 October 1984
122312 Benjamine Eric b. 08 April 1986
122313 Daniel Fredrick b. 19 January 1988
122314 Theodore Charles Ahlvin b. 13 February 1990

12232 CAROL J.[5] AHLVIN PEREZ (Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 15 February 1960, Champaign, Champaign County, IL She was married 22 October 1988, saint Paul's Catholic church, Racine, Racine Connty, Wisconsin to FERNANDO PEREZ, born 14 May 1964, Montevideo, Uruguay, the son of Jose Maria Perez [b. 16 December 1929, Asturias, Spain] and Maria Mercedes Lopez [b. 02 April 1938, Montevideo, Uruguay]. Carol is a graduate of J.I.Case High School, Racine, WI, 1978; University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1982, B.A. in Business Administration. Carol worked for PNS, Inc., Racine, WI 1984-87; Staff Accountant, Johnson Heritage Bancorp, Racine WI, 1987-89; Corporate Auditor, Suntrust, Inc., Miami, Florida, 1989-92. Wisconsin CPA license earned 1984. She enjoys sewing, running, biking and Bible studies.

122321 Alexander[6] PEREZ b. 27 February 1991
122322 Michael Perez b. 28 April 1994

12233 **SUSAN JANE[5] AHLVIN GOURIS** (Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 September 1961, Whittier, Los Angeles County, CA. She was married 26 May 1985, Kimisiss Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin to PETER JOHN GOURIS, born 08 April 1960, Racine, WI, the son of John E. Gouris [b. 03 October 1926, Nemea, Greece] and Mary Gliatas Gouris [b. 26 October 1923, Racine, WI]. Susan is a graduate of Case High School, Racine, WI, 1979; University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, B.S. in Environment, Textiles and Design, December 1983. Susan worked for Law/Kingdon Architectural Firm, Wichita, Kansas, Interior Designer 1985-86; GPRA Architectural Firm, Irvine, California, Interior Designer 1985-87; Graphic Systems Graphic Design, Wichita, Kansas, graphic designer 1987-88. She is interested in residential floor plans. Susan enjoys gardening, landscaping, walking, and horses.

122331 Patricia Rose[6] GOURIS	b. 20 February 1989
122332 Mary Frances Gouris	b. 27 October 1990
122333 Jacklyn Anne Gouris	b. 08 October 1997
122334 Erin Gouris	b. 16 June 1999

12234 **ALLEN C.[5] AHLVIN** (Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 April 1968, Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin. He was married 16 July 1994, Saint John's Chapel, Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin to CAROLYN S. NEHRING, born 04 November 1969, Racine, WI, the daughter of Jack Nehring [b. 02 august 1929, Racine, WI] and Lucille Langerfeld [b. 14 September 1930, Sturtevant, WI]. Allen is a graduate of University of Wisconsin, Parkside, WI, B.S. in Computer Science 19__. He is senior application specialist/webmaster for Duane, Morris and Heckscher, LLP, Philadelphia, PA. Allen's interests include model rockets, computer games, aircraft and web sites.

12241 **DONALD[5] BIRSA JR.** (Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 11 December 1957, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 15 June 1985, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Joliet, IL to ANNETTE BAUDINO, born 06 August 1960, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Larry Baudino [b. 24 February 1925, Joliet, iL] and Delores Pianco [b. 04 December 1927, Joliet, IL]. Donald is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School and Saint Joseph's College. He is employed as an ironworker. Donald's hobbies and interests include antiques, computer, and boating.

122411 Brianne M.[6] BIRSA	b. 08 May 1989
122412 Taylor M. Birsa	b. 26 August 1991

12242 **TERRENCE[5] BIRSA** (Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 December 1959, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 28 October 1989, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bloomington, McLean County, IL to PAULA M. McLEESE, born 04 July 1961, Bloomintgon, IL, the daughter of Robert McLeese [b. January 1929, Towanda, IL] and Mardel Moore [b. May 1929, Bloomington,

IL]. Terrence is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School and Illinois State University. He works for Stark Excavating as a construction superintendent. He enjoys woodworking, gardening and reading.

122421 Samuel J.[6] BIRSA	b. 18 February 1992
122422 Zoe J. Birsa	b. 08 August 1993
122423 Nicholas J. Birsa	b. 29 December 1994
122424 Anna Birsa	b. 18 October 1999
122425 Theresa Birsa	b. 24 April 2003

12243 **SALLY[5] BIRSA HONIOTES** (Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 March 1962, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 13 October 1984, Holy Family Church, Joliet, IL to PETE HONIOTES, born 30 September 1960, Joliet, IL, the son of Pete John Honiotes [b. 28 August 1923, Joliet, IL - d. 25 October 1988, Joliet, IL] and Mary Griparis [b. 05 February 1925, Joliet, IL]. Sally is a graduate of Holy Family Grade School, Joliet, IL; Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1980. She was employed in retail management until she became a stay-at-home mom. Sally enjoys sewing, gardening and reading.

122431 Emily Jean[6] HONIOTES	b. 10 February 1989
122432 Pete John Honiotes III	b. 27 September 1990
122433 Lucy Jean Honiotes	b. 28 May 1993
122434 Maggie Jean Honiotes	b. 25 April 1996
122435 Grace Marie Honiotes	b. 21 May 1998

12244 **MELISSA[5] BIRSA TREPEL** (Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 July 1965, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 19 July 1965, Holy Family Catholic Church, Joliet, IL to JAMES R. TREPEL, born 10 November 1964, Joliet, IL, the son of John Nanke Trepel [b. August 1914, Emden, IL - d. 18 January 1966, Joliet, IL] and Alice Margarite Tierney [b. 14 September 1929, Joliet, IL]. Melissa is a graduate of Plainfield High School, Plainfield, IL 1983. She works as an escrow closer, First American Title, Joliet, IL 1 year - present; loan closing specialist, First of America Mortgage Company, 1987-1996. She enjoys reading, bike riding, faux painting.

122441 Sydney[6] TREPEL	b. 19 November 1991

12245 **CARRIE[5] BIRSA STITELEY** (Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 15 April 1971, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 26 September 1998, Saint Mary Immaculate Church, Plainfield, Will County, IL to GLEN L. STITELEY, born 03 June 1970, Joliet, IL, the son of Gene Stiteley [b. 08 July 1929, Lansing, IL] and Gerry Kubinski [b. 11 August 1926, Joliet, IL]. Carrie is a graduate of Illinois State University, Normal, IL, B.S., 1993; University of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL, 1996 - present. She worked for First of America Bank, customer service, 1993 - 1996; Will County Chamber ICED, August 1996 -

September 1998. Carrie works as a substitute teacher, and is soon to be certified as a teacher. She enjoys crafts, reading, exercise and horseback riding.

122451 Calvin[6] STITELEY b. 08 August 2000

12261 WENDY[5] BIRSA (Benedict[4] Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 October 1972, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Wendy will marry ADAM HOBELMANN May 2004.
She is a graduate of Fremd High School, Palatine, IL 1990; Northern Illinois University, De Kalb, IL, B.A. in Psychology, 1995. Wendy is an Assistant to the Human Resource Manager, Diebolt Company, Arlington Heights, IL.

12262 DERON[5] BIRSA (Benedict[4] Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 03 June 1975, Arlington Heights, Cook County, Illinois. He is a graduate of Fremd High School, Palatine, IL 1993; Harper College, Palatine, IL 19__. Presently he works in logistics control for KGK Corporation, Buffalo Grove, IL. Deron enjoys all sports.

12321 PATRICIA[5] VUKOSOVICH TUPY (Marianne[4] Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 December 1950, Argo, Illinois. She was married 20 April 1974, Saint Blase Church, Argo, IL to STEPHEN TUPY, born 07 October 1949, Chicago, IL. Stephen is the son of Steve Tupy [b. 12 June 1923, Chetek, Wisconsin - d. 24 July 1988, Bridgeview, IL] and Lillian M. Rabelhofer [b. 05 June 1923, Chicago, IL - d. 21 November 197, Bridgeview, IL]. Steve and Lillian Tupy were married 03 July 1948, Chicago, IL, and are buried Resurrection Cemetery, Bridgeview, IL

Patricia is a graduate of Saint Blase Catholic School, 1964; Argo High School, 1968. Patricia was a secretary until her first child was born, then remained at home until her children were grown. Then she went to beautician school, and now works as a beautician. Her husband, Stephen, works for a heaating and air conditioning company.

123211 Toni[6] TUPY b. 20 May 1977
123212 Katie Tupy b. 12 December 1979
123213 Michael Tupy b. 28 August 1981

12322 ELLEN[5] VUKOSOVICH YOUNG (Marianne[4] Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 29 December 1952, Argo, Illinois. She was married 27 February 1971, Saint Blase Church, Argo, IL to DANNY YOUNG, born 03 October 1949, Gadsden, Alabama, the son of Ralph Young [b. 03 March 1926, Centre, Alabama] and Mary C. Howell [b. 13 September 1925]. Ralph and Mary Young were married 31 March 1946, Centre, Alabama.

Ellen is a graduate of Saint Blase Catholic School 1966; Argo High School, 1970; National Louis College, Wheaton, IL, 1996, B.A. in business management. Ellen works at Corn Products company as a logistic analyst. Her husband is a contractor, building homes.

123221 Wendy[6] YOUNG b. 04 August 1971
123222 Danielle Young b. 01 June 1973
123223 Rachael Young b. 21 December 1977
123224 Joy A. Young b. 17 July 1979
123225 David Young b. 14 April 1981

12323 MARY KAY[5] VUKOSOVICH JENKNER (Marianne[4] Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 January 1959, Argo, Illinois. She was married 08 November 1980, Saint Cletus Church to PETER JENKNER. Peter was born 28 January 1958, Chicago, IL, the son of Matthew Jenkner [b. 27 December 1924, Chicago, IL] and LaVergne Jensen [b. 17 October 1933, Chicago, IL] Matthew and LaVergne Jenkner were married 19 September 1953, Saint Stanislaus Church, Chicago, Cook County, IL.

Mary Kay is a graduate of Saint Blase Catholic School, Argo, IL 1973; Lyons Township High School 1977. She works as a sales consultant on new home construction. Her husband, Peter, works in sales for a plastic company. Mary Kay enjoys being a sports mom, reading, and resting in the sun.

123231 Peter[6] JENKNER b. 29 July 1981
123232 Stephanie[6] JENKNER b. 02 June 1983
123233 Hayley[6] JENKNER b. 20 May 1986
123234 Jacob[6] JENKNER b. 19 February 1992

12331 EDWARD F.[5] TOMASINO (Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 31 March 1953 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 19 June 1976, saint Joseph's Catholic church, Rockdale, IL to CHRIS MONAHAN, born 11 march 1954, Colby, Kansas, daughter of Patrick Monahan [b. 02 March 1923 - d. 08 March 1997, Joliet, IL], married 17 June 1948, Streator, IL to Lorainne Stetz [b. 30 October 1924, Streator, IL].

Edward is a graduate of Saint Joseph Catholic School, Rockdale, IL; Joliet Catholic High School 1971; attended Lewis college two years. He is an electrician. Ed likes hunting, fishing and sports with his son. His wife, Chris, is a speech pathologist working for Easter Seal.

123311 Craig E.[6] TOMASINO b. 05 July 1984

12332 NANCY M.[5] TOMASINO WAKEFIELD (Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 24 November 1955, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 16 August 1985, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Rockdale, IL to JEFFREY WAKEFIELD, born 26 October 1948, Chicago, IL, the son of G. Wakefield and Patricia Hayes [b. 02 May 1923, Lincoln, IL; died 02 August 2001]. Nancy is a graduate of Saint Joseph's School, Rockdale, IL 1970; Saint Francis Academy, 1974; Eastern Illinois University 1978, B.S. in education; Illinois State University 1983, M.S. in science and education. Nancy is a kindergarten teacher at Galloway School in Channahon, IL. She enjoys reading,

liquid embroidery, and being a soccer mom. Her husband, Jeff, works for Commonwealth Edison.

123321 David J.[6] WAKEFIELD b. 21 January 1987
123322 Thomas P. Wakefield b. 24 June 1988
123323 Laura E. Wakefield b. 20 August 1990

12333 ROBERT J.[5] TOMASINO (Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 29 June 1958, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 23 July 1983, Immaculate Conception Church, Morris, IL to CHRIS NIEWINSKI. Chris was born 05 May 1961, Morris, IL, the daughter of Henry H. Niewinski, [b. 20 July 1931, Chicago, IL – died 12 October 2001], married 15 February 1958, Morris, IL to Shirley J. Kettleson [b. 10 February 1933, Morris, IL].

Robert is a graduate of Saint Patrick Catholic School, Joliet, IL 1972; Joliet Catholic High School, 1976; University of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL, 1980. He is now a roofer. Robert loves to fish, play sports, hunt for Indian artifacts and coach his sons in sports. His wife, Chris, works as a computer consultant.

123331 Michael[6] TOMASINO b. 22 June 1985
123332 James Tomasino b. 15 August 1988

12341 DEBORAH ANN[5] SEEMAN BURZYNSKI RAMOS (Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 30 October 1954, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married (1) 11 January 1982, Las Vegas, Nevada to BERNARD BURZYNSKI, born 03 November 1947, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, the son of Bernard Burzynski [b. 13 May 1916, Three Lakes, WI] married to Anna Marie Votis [b. Crandon, WI - d. Rhinelander, WI]. Deborah and Bernard were divorced 1994. Married (2) 05 September 1998, Vacaville, California to DR. VICTOR RAMOS, Ed.D., the son of Frank Ramos [b. 09 July 1924, Galveston, Texas], married 1953, Reno, Nevada to Rena Taylor [b. 30 july 1923, Judsonia, Arkanss]

Debbie is a graduate of Saint Patrick's Grade School, Joliet, IL 1968; Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1972; attended Joliet Junior College 1972-73, graduate Napa College, Fairfield, California 1(995-97), B.A. in education. She is regional manager with Macey's in Fairfield, California. Deb and her husband reside in Suisun City, California with their children. Her youngest son, Brian, died suddenly 09 August 1998 while visiting his father in Davenport, Iowa. Deborah enjoys reading, being a very active sports mom.

Her husband, Vic, graduated Tennyson High School, Hayward, California 1973. He received his degrees as follows: A.A. Chbot College, Hayward, California 1976, BA; San Jose State University, San Jose 1978, M.S; St. Mary's College of Moraga, California 1992, Ed.D.; University of San Francisco at San Francisco 2000. Multiple subject teaching credentials by the state of California. Professional Administrative services credential. Vic is presently principal of Fairfield High School and Adjunct Professor for Chapman and Dominican Universities of California. He has two sons: Joseph Ramos, born 07 April 1984 and Sam Ramos, born 29 August 1987. Joseph attends California State

University, Monteray Bay, California. Sam attends Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, California.

123411 Brooke Danielle[6] BURZYNSKI b. 28 October 1981
123412 Bradley Michael Burzynski b. 28 October 1981
123413 Brian Donald Burzynski b. 19 January 1984

12342 MICHAEL PAUL[5] SEEMAN (Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 September 1956, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 16 September 1978, First Presbyterian church, Joliet, IL by Father Groziano and Rev. Fillpot to NANCY LEE BARNES, born 30 July 1956, Joliet, IL. Nancy is the daughter of Kenneth LaVern Barnes [b. 27 January 1933 Oquawa, IL - d. 31 December 1979, Joliet, IL, buried Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, IL], married 14 August 1955, Aurora, IL to Joann Ann Dooley [b. 29 February 1932, Joliet, IL.]

Michael is a graduate of Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, IL 1970; Joliet Catholic High School 1974; Illinois Benedictine University, Lisle, Il 1996, certificate in management. Michael is currently attending night classes toward his B.A. at Illinois Benedictine. He did landscaping 1974-76; presently working for commonwealth Edison as Organization Development consultant. Mike enjoys golf, playing and coaching basketball and traveling with his family. His wife, Nancy, is primary school librarian at Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, IL.

123421 Allison Marie[6] SEEMAN b. 05 November 1981
123422 Sarah Elizabeth Seeman b. 31 July 1984

12343 DANIEL JOSEPH[5] SEEMAN (Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 17 December 1959, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 06 September 1980 at the Baptist Church, Joliet by Father Graziano and Rev. Dutton to TERESA JOANN HUDDLESTON, born 20 March 1961, Olancy, IL. Teresa is the daughter of Benny Huddleston [b. 18 September 1932, Yale, Jasper County, IL], married 29 May 1955, Commins church, Jasper County, IL to Virginia Hinkle [b. 30 March 1937, Crawford County, IL]

Dan is a graduate of Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, IL 1974; Joliet Catholic High School 1978; attended Joliet Junior College 1978-79. Worked at E.J. and E Railroad as a welder from 1979-80. Dan went to work for T.T.X. of Chicago in 1980, where he presently holds the position of Field Superintendent. Dan enjoys coaching little league baseball, country western dancing, and watching his children in sports. His wife, Teresa, works in the office at Dominick's Food Store.

123431 Eric Jason[6] SEEMAN b. 06 May 1979
123432 Brandon Elliot Seeman b. 08 February 1982
123433 Elizabeth Ashley Seeman b. 06 October 1986
123434 Alex Daniel Seeman b. 18 May 1992

12344 DONALD FREDERICK[5] SEEMAN (Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 February 1965, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 21 August 193, Saint Ann's Catholic Church, Crest Hill, IL to DENISE HEARD, born 30 December 1968, Joliet, IL, the daughter of James Heard [b. McClensboro, IL, married and divorced to Rosemary Lapykinski Krehner [b. 05 December 1942, Joliet, IL].

Don is a graduate of Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, IL 1979; Joliet Catholic High School 1983; attended Joliet Junior College 1983-84. He worked for John Bay's as a car salesman 1984-86, then went to work for Pepper Construction Company in 1986, where he is a labor foreman. Don enjoys golf, baseball, basketball, and is basketball coach at Saint Patrick Grade School. His wife, Denise, received her B.A. in biology from College of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL 1989; M.S. in environmental biology 1998. She is an analytical chemist for Waste Management. Nicholas Seeman is the son of Donald Seeman and Christine Longshore.

123441 Nicholas Raymond[6] SEEMAN b. 10 June 1984
123442 Nathaniel Brian[6] SEEMAN b. 21 June 2002
123443 Cameron Donald[6] SEEMAN b. 21 June 2002

12351 KATHY[5] BIRSA GUGLIELMUCCI (John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 March 1965, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 15 October 1988, Saint John's Church, Joliet, IL to MICHAEL GUGLIELMUCCI, born 11 September 1965, Joliet, IL. Michael is the son of Michael Guglielmucci [b. 09 August 1928, Joliet, IL - d. 08 January 1995, Joliet IL], and Bernice Peterson [b. 23 August 1928, Joliet, IL - d. 08 June 1995, Joliet, IL]. Michael and Bernice were married 10 June 1950, Saint John's Church, Joliet,IL. Michael and Bernice are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Joliet, IL.
Kathy is a graduate of Indian Trail School, Plainfield, IL 1979; Plainfield High School 1983. She worked as Department Manager for eleven years at Carson Pirie Scott. After her children were born, she stayed home to be a housewife and mother. Mike is an Assistant Director of racing for Bill Sports.

123511 Michael [6] GUGLIELMUCCI b. 15 July 1990
123512 Austin Guglielmucci b. 04 December 1996
123513 Allesandro Guglielmucci b. 04 December 1996

12352 LISA[5] BIRSA HURD (John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 01 October 1967, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 24 June 1995, Saint Jude Catholic Church, Joliet, IL to JAMES HURD, born 22 April 1970, Joliet, IL, the son of Bill Hurd [b. Harrisburg, IL] and Anita Shawmeker [b. Joliet, IL]. Lisa is a graduate of Indian Trail Grade School, Plainfield, IL 1981; Plainfield High School 1985. She worked at United Cerebral Palsy, Naperville Schools, and now at the Plainfield School District, working with the handicapped, physically and mentally challenged. Jim works for T.T.X. Railroad.

123521 Zachery [5] HURD b. 10 October 1996
123521 Haley [5] HURD b. 25 October 2000

12353 JOHN A.[5] BIRSA JR. (John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 February 1970, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 03 March 2003, Las Vegas, Nevada to DEBBIE PARIS. John is a graduate of Indian Trail grade School, Plainfield, IL 1984; Plainfield High School 1988. Attended Upper Iowa University and Joliet Junior College 1 year. John worked at R.O.W. in Rockdale, IL as a dock foreman, and as service man. He is now Certified Nursing Assistance at Rosewood Care Center, Plainfield, IL

12361 SANDRA M.[5] BIRSA SCHIMANSKI (Andrew [4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 December 1968, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She died 13 June 2000, buried Resurrection Cemetery. She was married 07 September 1991, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Rockdale, IL to SCOTT SCHIMANSKI, born 27 March 1966, the son of Anthony Scott Schimanski [b. 10 February 1927 - d. 20 March 1982] and Carol Jean Laczynski [b. 15 August 1939]. Sandra is a graduate of Troy Grade School, Shorewood, IL 183; Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1987; Iowa State University 191, B.B.A.. She was employed at Linens 'n Things, Orland Park, IL as a drapery specialist. Scott is a graduate of Downers Grove South High School; Saint Francis University, Joliet, IL, and Chicago Kent Law School. He works for Kubesa, Spiroot, Gossler and Piper as an attorney.

123611 Sarah[6] SCHIMANSKI b. 19 November 1995
123612 Scott Schimanski b. 30 August 1997
123613 Steven Schimanski b. 23 February 1999

12362 SUSAN[5] BIRSA SWANSON (Andrew [4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 11 October 1970, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 13 August 1994, Saint Jude Catholic Church, Joliet, IL to JASON SWANSON, born 20 November 1969, Minnesota, the son of Douglas Merlyn Swanson [b. 26 August 1945] married 17 December 1967 to Susan Helen Phillips [b. 21 February 1946]. Susan Birsa Swanson is a graduate of Troy Grade School, Shorewood, IL, 1984; Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1988; Iowa State University 1992, B.A. in political science, minor in Spanish. Susan is a nanny for two children in West DesMoines, Iowa and works as a law clerk part time. Her husband, Jason, is a graduate of Iowa State University, 1992, B.A. in journalism and mass communication.

123621 Benjamin[6] SWANSON b. 07 April 1997
123622 Jacob Swanson b. February 12, 2001

12363 MICHELLE BIRSA SNYDER (Andrew [4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 December 1972, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 14 October 1995, St. Jude Catholic Church, Joliet, IL to THOMAS SNYDER, born 10 March 1972, Joliet, IL, the son of Roland Curtis Snyder [b. 1944], married to Shirley Mae Wasson [b. 21 September 19_].]. Michelle is a graduate of Troy

Grade School, Shorewood, IL 1986; Joliet Catholic Academy 1990; Western Illinois University, 1994, B.A. in sociology, minor in law enforcement. She is employed at Family Violence Coordinator, Will County, IL. Her husband, Thomas, is a graduate of Western Illinois University, B.A. in Law Enforcement. He is working at Stateville Correctional Center, IL.

123631 Thomas[6] SNYDER	b. 27 August 1996
123632 Joshua Snyder	b.16 September1998
123633 Natalie Snyder	b. 12 September, 2000

12364 ANDREW M.[5] BIRSA (Andrew [4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 October 1974, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 30 May 1998, Cathedral of Saint Raymond, Joliet, IL to MOLLY KATE FUNK, born 14 October 1974, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Robert Funk [b. 07 November 1939] married 11 May 1963 to Susan Stramitz [b. 04 December 1943]. Andrew is a graduate of Troy Grade School, Shorewood, IL 1987; Joliet Catholic Academy 1991; Western Illinois University 1995, B.S. in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Andrew works as a risk investigator at American national Bank, dealing with credit card fraud. His wife, Molly, is a graduate of Saint Raymond's Grade School, Joliet, IL; Joliet Catholic Academy; University of Iowa. She works as a dental hygienist.

123641 [6] BIRSA b.

12365 NICOLE[5] BIRSA SWANSON (Andrew [4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 February 1980, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She will marry 14 August 2004 to DANIEL KOOPMANN, son of Ronald and Connie (Sowa) Koopmann. Nicole is a graduate of Troy Grade School, Shorewood, IL 1994; Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet Junior College, A.S. in programming; DeVry University, B.S. in Computer Engineering. Daniel graduated from Lemont High School, lemont, Illinois 1992; College of DuPage, Illinois, 1995. He works for Shorewood, Illinois Police Department.

12611 KEITH A.[5] BIRSA (Robert F.[4] Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 July 1957, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 23 June 2001 to CONNIE SMITH.
Keith is a graduate of Hufford Junior High School 1971, Joliet Township High School West Campus 1975, Lewis University, 1979, B.S. in aviation maintenance management. Keith is employed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company as a district technician. His hobbies include flying and boating.

12612 DAWN D.[5] BIRSA BARNES (Robert F.[4] Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 January 1962, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 19 October 1991, Peace Lutheran church, Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois to STEPHEN M. BARNES, M.D. Stephen is the son of Donald R. Barnes [b. 27 March 1935, Danville, IL] and Alice J. Leisch [b. 16 February 1937, Danville, IL]. Dawn is a graduate of Joliet Township High School 1980, Joliet Junior College 1982,

Associate Degree in Nursing, Purdue University, Calument, IL, 1986, B.S.N. Dawn was employed as a Registered Nurse at Loyola University Medical Center in neurology, neurosurgery and burns 1983 - 1995. Dawn enjoys country crafts.

126121 Christopher A.[6] BARNES b. 06 March 1994
126122 Connor M. Barnes b. 04 March 1996

12631 JOAN CLAIRE[5] TRAVEN MACKLIN (Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 August 1954, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 02 August 1975, Saint Ambrose church, Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois to JOHN P. MACKLIN, born 12 December 1953, Joliet, IL. John is the son of Francis Macklin [b. 10 August 1922, Mesa, Arizona] and Alice Ginkus Macklin [b. 08 November 1920, Chicago, IL]. Joan is a graduate of Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, 1972; Saint Joseph Hospital, School of Nursing, Joliet, IL 1975 as a Registered Nurse. Joan has worked as a Registered Nurse at Saint Joseph Hospital, Joliet, IL 1975-1990; Edward Hospital 1990-1994; Amsurg, Joliet, IL 1994 - present. She enjoys quilting, counted cross-stitch, reading, and college sports.

126311 Laura[6] MACKLIN b. 14 July 1978
126312 Erin Macklin b. 29 March 1980
126313 Megan Macklin b. 22 August 1984

12632 JANET[5] TRAVEN (Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 June 1957, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Janet is a graduate of saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1975; Joliet Junior College, A.A. 1988; Governor's State University, IL, B.A. 1994. Janet was employed by the County of Will, IL 1975, 1996, and is employed as a City Clerk for the City of Joliet 1996 - present. She enjoys reading, traveling, bowling, softball.

12633 JEFFREY[5] TRAVEN (Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 11 April 1963, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 09 July 1988, First Presbyterian Church of Dyer, Dyer, Lake County, Indiana to ANN PERRINGS, born 12 November 1962, Carlinville, Illinois, the daughter of Lewis Perrings [b. 04 August 1931, Carlinville, IL] and Vena Bloome [b. 30 June 1935, Carlinville, IL]. Jeffrey is a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School, Joliet, IL 1981; Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, B.B.A. 1986. He worked as an accountant at LaSalle Partners, Chicago, IL, 1987-1992; and is employed as an accountant for Walton Street Capital, Chicago, IL 1993-present. Jeffrey enjoys sports and camping.

126331 William[6] TRAVEN b. 28 June 1996

12634 JOYCE[5] TRAVEN YATTONI (Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 11 April 1963, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 19 July 1986, Saint Ambrose Church, Crest Hill, IL to FRANK YATTONI III, born 10 August 1963,

Joliet, IL, the son of Frank Yattoni II [b. 26 March 1931, West Frankfort, IL] and Barbara Mihelich [b. 21 January 1939, Joliet, IL]. Joyce is a graduate of Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1981; College of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL B.B.A. 1985. Allstate Insurance Company employs her as a Claims Manager 1987 - present. Joyce enjoys coaching girls' softball, working out, and volunteering at her children's school.

126341 Stephanie Lauren[6] YATTONI	b. 20 September 1989
126342 Mallory Leigh Yattoni	b. 21 June 1991
126343 Frank Yattoni IV	b. 21 March 1995

12641 ANDREA[5] BIRSA (Paul F.[4], Frank A.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 June 1961, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 16 July 1983 to BRUCE BIERWIRGH.
Andrea is a graduate of Michigan State University. She works for Scholastic books while living in Australia, but now resides in Hillsbourgh, New Jersey.

126411 Trevor[6] BIERWIRGH	b. 27 May 1989
126412 Nicholas[6] BIERWIRGH	b. 19 August 1994

12642 KRISTINE[5] BIRSA (Paul F.[4], Frank A.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 November 1964, Lincoln Park, Wayne County, Michigan. She was married 10 April 1992, Grosse Pointe Academy, Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, MI to JOHN PALMER, born 03 July 1960, Royal Oak, MI. John is the son of Thomas A. Palmer [b. 04 August 1942, Mt. Clemens, MI] and Jean R. Elliotte [b. 26 June 1941, Mt. Carmel, Detroit, MI. Kristine is a graduate of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, B.A. 1987. She was employed as a Certified Public Accountant, KPMG, Peat Marwick LLP 7/87-3-98; self-employed as a financial consultant for the Financial Solutions Group, Inc., 4/98 - present. Kristine enjoys sailing, gardening and traveling.

126421 Jack[6] PALMER	b. 02 October 1997
126422 Julie[6] PALMER	b. 18 November 1999
126423 Sam[6] PALMER	b. 19 July 2001

12643 JILL[5] BIRSA MARCOTTE (Paul F.[4], Frank A.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 24 October 1967, Overland Park, Shawnee County, Kansas. She was married (1) 05 May 1990 to SCOTT A. RAMSEYER, born 08 October 1965, Farmington Hills, Oakland County, MI. Divorced 1995. Married (2) 14 August 1998, County Court House, Kankakee, Kankakee County, IL to STEVEN P. MARCOTTE, born 16 January 1966, Bourbonnais, IL. Steven is the son of Thomas J. Marcotte [b. 17 October 1943, Kankakee, IL - c. 20 February 1994, Ontario, CA] and Sharon L. Galloway [b. 13 November 1946, Duquoin, IL]. Jill is a graduate of Harrison High School, Farmington Hills, Michigan 1985; Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 1989, B.A. in elementary Education; Governors State University, University Park, IL, M.Ed. 1998. She is a Kindergarten teacher for the Peotone

School District, Peotone, IL 1990-present. Jill is a violinist, and one of her hobbies is Canine Obedience and Show.

126431 Rachael[6] RAMSEYER b. 28 July 2000

12811 SUSAN[5] NASENBENY BYRNE (Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 June 1957, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married August 1980 to GERALD BYRNE

128111 Brendon[6] BYRNE b.23 May 1986
128112 Molly[6] BYRNE b. April 1991

12812 ROBERT[5] NASENBENY (Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 11 December 1958, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 16 June 1984 to CORRI CARSO. Robert and Corris reside in Aurora, Illinois.

128121 Bryna[6] NASENBENY b.14 August 1991
128122 Marketa[6] NASENBENY b.02 August 1995

12813 ABBY[5] NASENBENY KENTON(Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 17 January 1961, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 1982 to RYAN KENTON.

128131 Ryan[6] KENTON b.27 February 1983

12814 GORDON[5] NASENBENY (Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 26 March 1964, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 07 September 1986 to CATHY CARLSON. They reside in Grays Lake, IL.

128141 Samantha[6] NASENBENY b.07 April 1988
128142 Jordon[6] NASENBENY b.14 August 1991

12821 THOMAS[5] SICINSKI (Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 13 October 1963, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married July 1987 to JULIE McGUIRE, daughter of Jack and Mitzie McGuire. Tom and Julie atarted their marriage in Phela, Pennsylvania; after three years they came back to the Joliet area and now reside in Mokena, IL.
Tom is currently employed as Vice President of Bergland Construction Company in Chicago, IL. Julie graduated from Illinois State University, Normal, IL. She is currently a stay at home mom.

128211 Alexander[6] SICINSKI b. 21 September 1991
128212 Stephanie[6] Sicincki b. 02 October 1994
128213 Emily[6] Sicincki b. 20 December 1999
128214 Zachary[6] Sicincki b. 09 January 2002

12822 CHERYLE[5] SICINCKI GOMEZ (Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 13 January 1965, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 21 September 1991 to DR. TIM GOMEZ. Cheryl is a graduate of University of Iowa, RN. Tim is an oral surgeon in Tucson, Arizona.

128221 Sophia Lucia[6] GOMEZ b. 19 May 2003

12823 SCOTT[5] SICINCKI (Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 06 August 1966, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate, Iowa State University, BS; Loyola University, MA. Scott lives in Sterling Heights, Michigan where he works at Chrysler as an engineer. His hobby is decorating and landscaping his home. "He has also been a major support to the family in time of need," says his mother, Carole Sicinski.

12824 LEE A.[5] SICINCKI (Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 September 1981, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Joliet Catholic High School;2000; attending University of Illinois on a full football scholarship (5 years). He will graduate in 2004 and plans to stay on for his master's degree. "Lee was our 'surprise child'. He is a very carefree and loving child," says his mother, Carole Sicinski.

12921 ELIZABETH[5] GIAMPAOLO DOBCZYK (Ronald[4], Mary J.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 September 1969 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 29 June 1992 to BRIAN DOBCZYK, son of Robert and Agnes Dobczyk of Joliet, IL. Elizabeth is a graduate of Lincoln Way High School, Illinois; Illinois Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois, BS in special education and learning disabilities. Presently Elizbeth is a stay at home mom.

129211 Caitlin[6] DOBCZYK	b. 13 June 1994
129212 Emily Dobczyk	b. 10 May 1996
129213 Casey Dobczyk	b. 12 March 1998
129214 Brett Dobczyk	b. 12 December 2000

12922 JEFFREY[5] GIAMPAOLO (Ronald[4], Mary J.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 August 1970, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Lincoln Way High School; Eastern Illinois University, with a degree in marketing. Jeffrey works for McLead.

12923 JULIE[5] GIAMPAOLO DAUGHERTY (Ronald[4], Mary J.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 February 1972, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 10 October 1998 to DAVE DAUGHERTY, son of Kathy Daugherty of Peoria, Illinois. Julie is a graduate of Lincoln Way High School;19 ; St. Mary's College, Minnesota, BA; Tulane University, MA in stage management. Julie works as a lighting designer.

129231 Cameron[6] DAUGHERTY	b. 12 March 2001
129232 Daugherty	b. August 2003

12924 JILL[5] GIAMPAOLO (Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 March 1974, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married June 2001 to BRANDON BRENCZEWSKI, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brenczewski. Jill is a graduate of Lincoln-Way High School; Easter Illinois University, B.S. in elementary education; Governor's State University, M.A. in reading, 2000. Jill is a third grade teacher at Nelson Prairie School, New Lenox, IL. Brandon is a graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy; Western Illinois University, B.S. in criminal justice. He is employed by the United States Secret Service as a special agent.

129241 Olivia[6] BRENCZEWSKI b. 12 April 2002
129242 [6] Brenczewski b. 2003

12925 MICHAEL[5] GIAMPAOLO (Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 April 1982 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Lincoln Way High School, 2000; attending Eastern Illinois University, class of 2003, majoring in speech communications.

12931 DENISE[5] PORFILLIO AHMAD (Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 30 April 1960 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 10 June 1994 to CHUCK AHMAD from Jordan. Denise is a graduate of Saint Joseph's School of Nursing, R.N. She is a surgical nurse at South Suburban Hospital, Hazel Crest, Illinois. Her husband, Chuck, owns Luxury Auto Service in Joliet, IL

129311 Joshua[6] AHMAD b. 28 April 1995

12932 CARRIE[5] PORFILLIO WESCOTT CATAUDELLA(Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 November 1961, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married (1) to RANDALL WESTCOTT. Divorced.
Married (2) 15 September 1995 to FRANK CATAUDELLA. Carrie is a graduate of Saint Joseph's School of Nursing, R.N. She works at Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, Illinois as a Labor and Delivery nurse. Frank works for Illinois Tollways, and was a former owner of Sporty's Sports Bar. Carrie and Frank reside in Plainfield, Illinois.

12933 LANCE MARK[5] PORFILLIO (Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 November 1964, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 31 August 1995 to SARAH MORAN, born 25 February 1959. Lance is a graduate of University of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL, BA in teaching. He is also a Registered Nurse and has a MA degree from the University of Illinois. Lance works at the DuPage County Health Department as a psychiatric nurse. His wife, Sarah, is a graduate of Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, Illiinois, BS. She works as a dietician in the Cook county Health Department. Lance and Sarah reside in Naperville, Illinois.

129331 Anthony[6] PORFILLIO b. 28 June 1997
129332 Alexis[6] PORFILLIO b. 28 April 2000

12934 **BRENT A.[5] PORFILLIO** (Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 23 September 1966 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 02 September 2001 to MICHELE MARTIN, born 06 May 1974. Brent is a graduate of Iowa State University, BS, Civil Engineering. He works as a Civil Engineer for Harry O. Hefter Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (PE, NSPE). Engineer of Planning and Design. Brent was elected Professional young Engineer of Chicago, 2000; Professional Young Engineer of Illinois 2001. His wife, Michelle, is a recruiter for Computer Based Jobs, Chicago, Illinois. Brent and Michelle reside in Lockport, Illinois.

129341 Christian[6] PORFILLIO b. 18 December 1994
129342 Nathan[6] PORFILLIO b. 21 August 1991
129343 Angela Rose[6] PORFILLIO b. 22 May 2003

12935 **LISA[5] PORFILLIO** (Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 26 September 1970 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 24 June 2000, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Chicago, IL to GREGORY FRANCOEUR, born 14 April 1917, son of Byron and Carol Francoeur. Lisa is a graduate of University of Saint Francis, Joliet, IL, BBA in finance. National Futures Association of Chicago employs her as a compliance auditor. Gregory is a graduate of Indiana University; BA in Finance; University of Chicago, MBA.; CPA He is employed by Convergent Capital Management, Chicago, IL, as a director of finance. Lisa and Gregory reside in New Lenox, Illinois.

129351 Stephen Gregory[6] FRANCOEUR b. 15 Mareh 2003

PART II SECTION 4

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
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Sixth Generation Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

121231 PARTRICK [6] MURRAY (Leanne[5]Birsa, David[4], Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born April 1988. Graduate of Plainfield Grade School 2001; attending Joliet Catholic Academy, class of 2005.

121232 DANIEL [6] MURRAY (Leanne[5]Birsa, David[4], Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born April 1992. Attending Saint Paul the Apostle School, class of 2004. Will attend Joliet Catholic Academy.

121421 RHESE BIRSA [6] ABRAMS (Beth M[5] Birsa, David[4], Joseph[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 November 2002.

122221 SAMUEL [6] PEDERSEN (Lawrence J.[5] Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 July 1992.

122222 EMILY [6] PEDERSEN (Lawrence J.[5] Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 March 1995.

122231 MARK TYLER [6] LATZ (Karen A.[5], Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 September 1984, Joliet, Will County, Illinois Mark is a graduate of Saint Patrick Grade School 1999; Joliet Catholic Academy 2003. He is attending Loyola University majoring in political science.

122232 MICHAEL DAVID [6] LATZ (Karen A[5], Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born. 01 November 1986, Joliet, Will County, Illinois Michael is a graduate of Saint Patrick Grade School 2001; Joliet Catholic Academy, class of 2005. He has been a class officer the past three years and plays football and runs track.

122233 ABBEY LEE [6] LATZ (Karen A[5], Lorraine Pedersen[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 03 February 1990, Joliet, Will County, Illinois Abbey is attending Saint Patrick Grade School, class of 2004. She is very active in sports, including basketball, volleyball and soccer.

122311 KATHERINE LEE[6] AHLVIN (Eric L.[5] Ahlvin, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 October 1984, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

122312 BENJAMIN ERIC[6] AHLVIN (Eric L.[5] Ahlvin, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 08 April 1986, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

122313 DANIEL FREDRICK[6] AHLVIN (Eric L.[5] Ahlvin, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 January 1988, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

122314 THEODORE CHARLES[6] AHLVIN (Eric L.[5] Ahlvin, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 13 February 1990, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

122321 ALEXANDER[6] PEREZ (Carol J.[5] Ahlvin Perez, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 27 February 1991, Miami, Dade County, Florida.

122322 MICHAEL[6] PEREZ (Carol J.[5] Ahlvin Perez, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 April 1994, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

122331 PATRICIA ROSE[6] GOURIS (Susan Jane[5] Ahlvin Gouris, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 February 1989, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

122332 MARY FRANCES[6] GOURIS (Susan Jane[5] Ahlvin Gouris, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 27 October 1990, Boca Raton, Palm Beach, Florida.

122333 JACKLYN ANNE[6] GOURIS (Susan Jane[5] Ahlvin Gouris, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 08 October 1997, Meadowbrook, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

122334 ERIN[6] GOURIS (Susan Jane[5] Ahlvin Gouris, Marilyn Patricia Ahlvin[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 16 June 1999.

122411 BRIANNE M.[6] BIRSA (Donald[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 08 May 1989, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122412 TAYLOR M.[6] BIRSA (Donald[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benediet[2], Anton[1]) was born 26 August 1991, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122421 **SAMUEL J. [6] BIRSA** (Terrance[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 February 1992.

122422 **ZOE J. [6] BIRSA** (Terrance[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 08 August 1993.

122423 **NICHOLAS J. [6] BIRSA** (Terrance[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 29 December 1994.

122424 **ANNA [6] BIRSA** (Terrance[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 October 1999.

122425 **THERESA[6] BIRSA** (Terrance[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 24 April 2003.

122431 **EMILY JEAN [6] HONIOTES** (Sally[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 February 1989, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122432 **PETE JOHN [6] HONIOTES III** (Sally[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 27 September 1990, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122433 **LUCY JEAN [6] HONIOTES** (Sally[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 May 1993, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122434 **MAGGIE JEAN [6] HONIOTES** (Sally[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 April 1996, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122435 **GRACE MARIE [6] HONIOTES** (Sally[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 May 1998, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

122441 **SYDNEY [6] TREPEL** (Melissa[5], Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 November 1991, Naperville, DuPage, Illinois.

122451 **CALVIN[6] STITELEY** (Carrie[5] Birsa, Donald[4], Benjamin[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 08 August 2000.

123211 **TONI [6] TUPY** (Patricia[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 May 1977 LaGrange, Illinois. She was married 13 October 2001 to THOMAS PATER, the son of Thomas Pater Sr. and Donna Schumacher Pater. Toni is a graduate of Argo High School 1995; Illinois State University 1999, BA in Deaf Education. She is an educator of the deaf at Thomas Jefferson Grade School in Joliet, Illinois. Thomas works at the University of Chicago Hospital.

123212 **KATIE [6] TUPY** (Patricia[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 December 1979 LaGrange, Illinois. She is a graduate of Argo High

School 1998; Moraine Junior College,2000; Illinois State University, 2002, BS in Criminal Justice. Katie works for the Crest Hill Police Department.

123213 MICHAEL [6] TUPY (Patricia[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 August 1981 LaGrange, Illinois. He is a graduatae of Argo High School, 1999. Michael works as a journeyman carpenter.

123221 WENDY [6] YOUNG (Ellen[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 August 1971, Oak Park, Illinois. She was married (1) 06 March 1993 to EDWARD BOBLEWSKI, born 06 November 1966. Divorced. Married (2) to CHRISTOPHER MANTELL, born 15 October 1973. Wendy is a stay at home mom. Christopher is marketing director for AAA.

1232211 Emily[7] BOBLEWSKI	b. 28 June 1993, Countryside, IL
1232212 Kyle M.[7] MANTELL	b. 08 April 2001

123222 DANIELLE [6] YOUNG (Ellen[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 01 June 1973, LaGrange, Illinois. Kayla's father is JEFF KOHN, born 06 March 1970. Jeff works on construction. Danielle is a stay at home mom.

1232221 Kayla[7] KOHN	b. 28 October 1994, Countryside, IL
1232222 Kassidy Kohn	b. 17 March 2000
1232223 Kandice Kohn	b. 17 July 2001

123223 RACHEL [6] YOUNG (Ellen[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 December 1977, LaGrange, Illinois. Graduate Lyons Township High School 1996; Southern Illinois University 2002, BS in Mechanical Engineering.

123224 JOY A. [6] YOUNG (Ellen[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 17 July 1979, LaGrange, Illinois. Graduate Lyons Township High School 1998; attending College of DuPage.

123225 DAVID [6] YOUNG (Ellen[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 April 1981, LaGrange, Illinois. Graduate Lyons Township High School 1999. David works on construction.

123231 PETER[6] JENKNER (Mary Kay[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 29 July 1981. Graduate Downers Grove North High School, 1999. Peter works for AT&T.

123232 STEPHANIE[6] JENKNER (Mary Kay[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 June 1983. Graduate Downers Grove North High School, 2001; attending College of DuPage.

123233 **HAYLEY[6] JENKNER** (Mary Kay[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 May 1986. Attending Downers Grove North High School, class of 2005.

123234 **JACOB[6] JENKNER** (Mary Kay[5] Vukosovich, Marianne[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 February 1992.

123311 **CRAIG E.[6] TOMASINO** (Edward F.[5], Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 July 1984, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduated Valedictorian from Saint Paul the Apostle School 1998; Joliet Catholic High School 2002. Craig was selected JCA Man of the Year. Craig received much recognition for his scholastic and athletic abilities. He was selected to the Chicago Tribune All State Academic Team, he received the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Athletic Scholar Scholarship, and Scholar–Athlete Award from East Suburban Catholic Conference. Craig is attending Yale University, playing football and crew.

123321 **DAVID J.[6] WAKEFIELD** (Nancy M. Tomasino[5], Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 January 1987, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Channahon Grade School 2001; attending Joliet Catholic Academy, class of 2005.

123322 **THOMAS P.[6] WAKEFIELD** (Nancy M. Tomasino[5], Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 24 June 1988, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate, Channahon Grade School 2002 as class Valedictorian. Attending Joliet Catholic Academy, class of 2006.

123323 **LAURA E.[6] WAKEFIELD** (Nancy M. Tomasino[5], Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 August 1990, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123331 **MICHAEL.[6] TOMASINO** (Robert J. Tomasino[5], Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 June 1985, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate, Saint Patrick Grade School 1999; Joliet Catholic Academy 2003. Attending Loyola University.

123332 **JAMES[6] TOMASINO** (Robert J. Tomasino[5], Dorothy[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 15 August 1988, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. . Graduate Saint Patrick Grade School 2003; Joliet Catholic Academy, class of 2007.

123411 **BROOKE DANIELLE[6] BURZYNSKI** (Deborah Seeman[5], Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 October 1981, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Armijo High School, Fairfield, California 2000; Capri College, Davenport, Iowa, October 2003 in hair design and cosmetology.

123412 **BRADLEY MICHAEL[6] BURZYNSKI** (Deborah Seeman[5], Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 October 1981, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Armijo High School, Fairfield, California 2000. Attends Saint Mary's

College, Moraga, California where he is Captain of the Lacrosse Team and on the dean's list. Bradley will graduate May 2004, BA in Communications.

123413 **BRIAN DONALD [6] BURZYNSKI** (Deborah Seeman[5], Ellen[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 January 1984, Fairfield, California. Brian died 9 August 1998 at Genesis West Hospital, Davenport, Iowa of Meningoccemia, bacterial meningitis. Brian graduated Dover Middle School, Fairfield, California June 1998 with a 4.0 average. He was an honor roll graduate, achieving the highest score in the Golden State Exam of California in the field of mathematics, receiving his medal for this accomplishment posthumously in September or 1998. Brian was an all star baseball player. His dream was to one day be a major league ball player.

123421 **ALLISON MARIE [6] SEEMAN** (Michael[5], Ellen[4]Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 05 November 1981, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Providence High School, New Lenox, Illinois, 2000. Attending college in Phoenix, Arizona.

123422 **SARAH ELIZABETH [6] SEEMAN** (Michael[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 31 July 1984, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Providence High School, New Lenox, Illinois, 2002. Received the Mission Award Scholarship from Lewis University, where she is a student.

123431 **ERIC JASON [6] SEEMAN** (Daniel[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 06 May 1979, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Joliet Catholic Academy 1998; DeVry Institute, Magna Cum Laude 28 October 2000, BS in Telecommunications Management. Eric works for Aladdin Systems.

123432 **BRANDON ELLIOT [6] SEEMAN** (Daniel[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 08 February 1982, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. . Graduate Joliet Catholic Academy 2001; attending Joliet Junior College.

123433 **ELIZABETH ASHLEY [6] SEEMAN** (Daniel[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 06 October 1986, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, Illinois 2000; attending Joliet Township High School West Campus, class of 2004. Elizabeth is on the High A Honor Roll.

123434 **ALEX DANIEL [6] SEEMAN** (Daniel[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 May 1992, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Attending Saint Patrick Grade School, Joliet, Illinois where he is on the High A Honor Roll.

123441 **NICHOLAS RAYMOND [6] SEEMAN** (Donald[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 June 1984, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Plainfield High School 2002.

123442 NATHANIEL BRIAN[6] SEEMAN (Donald[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 June 2002, Edward's Hospital, Naperville, Illinois.

123443 CAMERON DONALD[6] SEEMAN (Donald[5], Ellen[4] Seeman, Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 June 2002, Edward's Hospital, Naperville, Illinois.

123511 MICHAEL [6] GUGLIELMUCCI (Kathy[5], John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 15 July 1990, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123512 AUSTIN [6] GUGLIELMUCCI (Kathy[5], John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 December 1996, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123513 ALLESANDRO [6] GUGLIELMUCCI (Kathy[5], John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 December 1996, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123521 ZACHERY [6] HURD (Lisa[5], John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 December 1996, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123522 HALEY [6] HURD (Lisa[5], John A.[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 25 October 2000.

123611 SARAH [6] SCHIMANSKI (Sandra[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 November 1995, Downers Grove, Illinois.

123612 SCOTT [6] SCHIMANSKI (Sandra[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 30 August 1997, Downers Grove, Illinois.

123613 STEVEN[6] SCHIMANSKI (Sandra[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 23 February 1999, Joliet, Illinois.

123621 BENJAMIN[6] SWANSON (Susan[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 April 1997, Des Moines, Iowa.

123622 JACOB[6] SWANSON (Susan[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 February 2001, Des Moines, Iowa.

123631 THOMAS[6] SNYDER (Michelle[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 27 August 1996, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123632 JOSHUA[6] SNYDER (Michelle[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 16 September 1998, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123633 NATALIE[6] SNYDER (Michelle[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 September 2000, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

123641 [6] **BIRSA** (Andrew Jr.[5], Andrew[4], Edward[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 2003, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126121 **CHRISTOPER A.[6] BIRSA BARNES** (Dawn[5] Birsa, Robert F.[4] Frank A.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 06 March 1994, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.

126122 **CONNOR M.[6] BIRSA BARNES** (Dawn[5] Birsa, Robert F.[4] Frank A.[3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 04 March 1996, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.

126311 **LAURA[6] MACKLIN** (Joan[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 July 1978, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126312 **ERIN[6] MACKLIN** (Joan[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 29 march 1980, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126313 **MEGAN[6] MACKLIN** (Joan[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 August 1984, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126331 **WILLIAM[6] TRAVEN** (Jeffrey[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 June 1996, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126341 **STEPHANIE LAUREN[6] YATTONI** (Joyce[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 September 1989, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126342 **MALLORY LEIGH[6] YATTONI** (Joyce[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 June 1991, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126343 **FRANK[6] YATTONI IV** (Joyce[5], Joan[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 March 1995, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

126411 **TREVOR[6] BIERWIRGH** (Andrea[5] Birsa, Paul F.[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 27 May 1989.

126412 **NICHOLAS[6] BIERWIRGH** (Andrea[5] Birsa, Paul F.[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 August 1994.

126421 **JACK[6] PALMER** (Kristine[5], Paul F.[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 October 1997, Naperville, Will County, Illinois.

126422 **JULIE[6] PALMER** (Kristine[5], Paul F.[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 November 1999, Naperville, Will County, Illinois.

126423 **SAM[6] PALMER** (Kristine[5], Paul F.[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 19 July 2001, Naperville, Will County, Illinois.

126431 **RACHAEL[6] RAMSEYER** (Jill[5] Birsa, Paul F.[4], Frank A. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 July 2000.

128111 **BRENDON[6] BYRNE** (Susan[5] Nasenbeny, Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 23 May 1986.

128112 **MOLLY[6] BYRNE** (Susan[5] Nasenbeny, Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born April 1991.

128121 **BRYNA[6] NASENBENY** (Robert[5] Nasenbeny, Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 August 1991.

128122 **MARKETA[6] NASENBENY** (Robert[5] Nasenbeny, Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 August 1995.

128131 **RYAN[5] KENTON**(Abby[5] Nasenbeny, Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 27 February 1983.

128141 **SAMANTHA[6] NASENBENY** (Gordon[5] Nasenbeny Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 07 April 1988.

128142 **JORDON[6] NASENBENY** (Gordon[5] Nasenbeny Delores[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 14 August 1991.

128211 **ALEXANDER[6] SICINSKI** (Thomas[5], Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born. 21 September 1991.

128212 **STEPHANIE[6] SICINSKI** (Thomas[5], Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 02 October 1994.

128213 **EMILY[6] SICINSKI** (Thomas[5], Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 20 December 1999.

128214 **ZACHARY[6] SICINSKI** (Thomas[5], Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 09 January 2002.

128221 **SOPHIA LUCIA[6] GOMEZ** (Cheryle[5], Leo[4] Sicinski, Anna.[3] J., Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was 19 May 2003.

129211 **CAITLIN[6] DOBCZYK** (Elizabeth[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 13 June 1994.

129212 **EMILY[6] DOBCZYK** (Elizabeth[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 10 May 1996.

129213 **CASEY[6] DOBCZYK** (Elizabeth[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 March 1998.

129214 **BRETT[6] DOBCZYK** (Elizabeth[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 December 2000.

129231 **CAMERON[6] DAUGHERTY** (Julie[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 March 2001.

129232 [6] **DAUGHERTY** (Julie[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born August 2003.

129241 **OLIVIA[6] BRENCZEWSKI** (Jill[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 April 2002.

129242 [6] **BRENCZEWSKI** (Jill[5] Giampaolo, Ronald[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 2003.

129311 **JOSHUA[6] AHMAD** (Denise[5] Giampaolo, Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 12 April 2002.

129331 **ANTHONY[6] PORFILLIO** (Lance[5], Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 June 1997

129332 **ALEXIS[6] PORFILLIO** (Lance[5], Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 28 April 2000

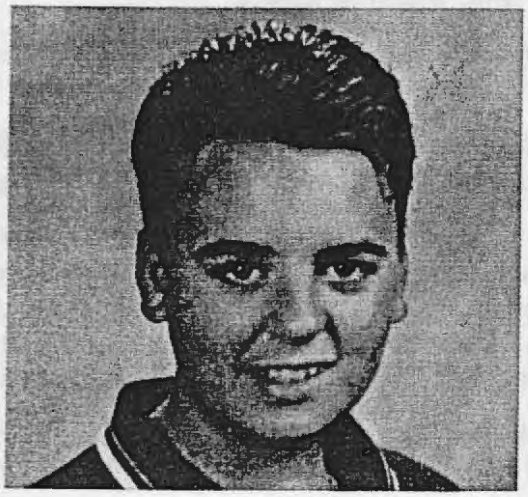
129341 **CHRISTIAN[6] PORFILLIO** (Brent[5], Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 18 December 1994

129342 **NATHAN VENTURELLI[6] PORFILLIO** (Brent[5], Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 21 August 1991

129343 **ANGELA ROSE[6] PORFILLIO** (Brent[5], Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 May 2003

129351 **STEPHEN[6] FRANCOEUR** (Lisa[5], Nancy[4], Mary J. [3], Benedict[2], Anton[1]) was born 22 May 2003

BRIAN DONALD [6] BURZYNSKI



In Loving Memory Of
Brian Donald Burzynski
"Beaker"
01/19/84-08/09/98

BRIAN DONALD[6] BURZYNSKI

01/19/84 -- 08/09/98

Eulogy written by his aunt, Dr. Lynn Bertino Neville, niece of Donald and Ellen[4](Birsa) Seeman

What is REAL?" asked the Rabbit one day when they were lying side by side on the nursery floor. "Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you. When someone loves you for a long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit. "Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once? Like being wound up?" he asked.

"It doesn't happen all at once." Said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes some time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are REAL most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But those things don't matter at all . . . Once you are real you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always."

Brian's family has asked me to share with you today some of the memories that they hold dear about Brian. The thoughts that will keep Brian real, and for always, in their hears.

Brian, known as Beek to the "buddy cousins" loved all kinds of junk food and TV and playing Nintendo and of course Baseball. He had dreams of playing in the Major League.

Brian liked overnights on his visits here with all of his cousins . . . and they remember that like them, he enjoyed hearing his grandmother playfully complain about having to "break her back" sleeping on the couch when they were camping out all over the front room floor. As cousins, they enjoyed their time together...playing in the basement, staying up all night or at least pretty late, needing their "fruity pebbles" in the morning and their "White Castles" at night, and spending time together as a family.

Brian's grandparents, uncles and aunts remember him as a gentle, kind, handsome young man. They speak of his big, beautiful eyes, his gentle nature and his smiles. They tell us that he was never too old – or too cool – for a hug.

Everyone knew that Brian was the family diplomat. He never wanted to take sides. He always wanted to be helpful.

In sharing memories of Brian in conversations at the dining room table these past few days, his good nature and sense of humor cam through loud and clear. When helping with the grocery shopping, Brian reportedly kept his mother on a pretty tight budget. He sent out warning alarms when they were needed – and enjoyed pointing out to her all the instances of "but one – get one free". During the school year, Brian rode to school in a truck affectionately known in his family as "Chevy Love". He got dropped off for breakfast almost every morning at the McDonald's near his school. He was such a regular there – he kidded his family that he thought the old senior citizens that ate there everyday were going to ask him to join their breakfast club.

Brian was a happy, easy-going child. He looked up to his brother Brad. He was his sister Brooke's best friend. He loved his family.

The one most important thing kids need in the world is someone who's crazy about them. Brian was a son, a brother, a grandson, a nephew, a cousin, a friend. He had all kinds of people who were crazy about him. He was loved for a long time, his whole life. He was real. "Once you are real you can't become unreal again . . . it lasts for always."

Brian

God sent you to us for a while.
To watch you grow, to make us smile.
He made you special because he knew
He wanted soon to be with you.
So our short time with you is dear,
And in our hearts, the memories near.

As we recall the things you love.
The video games, your baseball glove.
The funny things that you would say.
In just your special (Brian) way.
You'll always be our Beaker boy.
That filled our lives with love and joy.

In our deepest sorrow, there is light.
Your soul a guide, to do what's right.
We promise for you that we'll be good.
To love each other the way we should

Though we're sad you've gone away.
We will be together again one day.
But in the while, God's tending you.
Our gentle Brian, with eyes of blue.

From: Jenny
To: The Burzynski Family

In Loving memory of
Brian Beaker (Petie) Burzynski
1/19/84 - 8/9/98

Brian D. Burzynski
"Beeker"

Age 14, suddenly August 9, 1998 at Genisis West Hospital, Davenport, Iowa.

Beloved son of Debra (Seeman) Burzynski and Ben Burzynski. Born and living in Fairfield, California all his life.

Brian is also survived by his loving brothers and sisters, Brad, Brooke, Mike and Tamara. Cherished by grandparents, Don and Ellen Seeman of Joliet, Bernard Burzynski of Rhineland, WI; uncles Mike (Nancy), Dan (Teresa), Don (Denise) Seeman; Rodger and Bill Burzynski; special cousins and buddies, Allison, Sarah, Eric, Brandon, Elizabeth, Alex and Nicholas Seeman; numerous great aunts, uncles and cousins; special people, Vic Ramos and children, Debbie Frese and family also survive.

Preceded by grandmother, Ann Burzynski. Brian was a Honor Roll Graduate of Dover Middle School in Fairfield and an All Star Baseball player.

Funeral Services Wednesday, August 12 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Visitation 12 noon at the church with Mass to follow at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to the family would be appreciated.

In Memory of Sandra[5] Birsa Schimanski
December 2, 1968 – June 13, 2000

Scott and Sandra[5] Birsa Schimanski Family

Steven	**Scott Jr.**	**Sarah**
February 23, 1999	August 30, 1997	November 13, 2000

In Memory of Sandra[5] Birsa Schimanski

December 2, 1968 – June 13, 2000

Sandra M. Schimanski

(nee Birsa)

Passed away suddenly at the age of 31 on Tuesday June 13, 2000 at her new home. Sandy had recently moved to Germantown, MD with her family and was formerly of Rockdale, Illinois

Sandy was survived by her loving husband Scott and three beautiful children Sarah, Scott Jr. and Steven. others include her devoted parents Andrew and Barbara Birsa, mother-in-law Carole Schimanski and grandfather Eugene Marin: her siblings Susan (Jason) Swanson, Michelle (Tom) Snyder, Andrew (Molly) and Nicole Birsa. Caring and loving aunt to Thomas, Ben, Joshua, Erin, Sean, Katie, Carlen and Andrew. Numerous aunts and uncles also survive.

Preceded in death by her grandmothers Pauline Martin and Alice Birsa and her grandfather Edward Birsa.

Sandy was a loving and devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and friend. Her life was caring for and loving her children and family.

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From where funeral services will be held Monday, June 19, 2000 at 9:15 a.m. to St. Joseph Church Rockdale for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

Written in honor of Brian[6] Burzynski

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Rae Lanpheir,
Principal

A CHALLENGE TO HONOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Welcome to Armijo High School where we "Learn a Living." **Our school mission is: "All students can grow and achieve. It is everyone's responsibility to see that the opportunity is present."**

There is only one reason our mission cannot be accomplished. Unfortunately when a student passes from this life, the opportunity is lost. Not only do we lose a member of our Armijo family, but the future of our civilization may miss the opportunity for that brilliant mind to make a unique discovery or find a cure for some disease.

We at Armijo have just lost such a person. Bryan Burzynski would have started his freshman year this month, and I am writing this article to pay tribute to him. Bryan was a lifelong resident of Fairfield and provided much love, happiness and goodwill to many people of this community. He was a 4.0 student at Dover Middle School and a "4.0 student" socially and athletically. Bryan loved baseball and dreamed of professional life on the diamond.

At the memorial service for Bryan hundreds of people shared smiles, tears and amazement at all Bryan did in his short time on this earth. One of the speakers at the service asked the youth of this community to dedicate this school year to Bryan in honor of his accomplishments. I think that is a great idea and a fitting tribute.

In honor of Bryan and all the other students who had their time cut short I want to present this challenge:

- Spend the entire year helping someone different each day.
- Remember to laugh.
- Make new friends and teach those friends something.
- Get to know your principal. (I am user-friendly.)
- Play hard and study hard.
- Appreciate your family and show them how to appreciate you.
- Take care of your physical and mental health.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.

I knew Bryan and he would have done all of these things. I am grateful to have enjoyed part of his life with him and I look forward to sharing those same kind of experiences with the rest of my Armijo family.

For all you returning families, Welcome Home! For the new people, Welcome to our Armijo Family!

Rae Lanpheir

Memories of my Father, Benjamin Birsa

As remembered by Marilyn (Pat)[4] Birsa Ahlvin, daughter of Benjamin[3] Birsa

One of my earliest memories was a game my dad used to play when we were young children. He had six children and he would lie down on the living room floor on his back and yell "Jam Pile" and all six of us would pile on his back. He would moan and groan playfully until we got off. Another game that he knew was called "Bee-ba-lez-a" (I believe a Slovenian meaning). He would strum his fingers along the table saying that word and when he got close to you he'd chuck you under the chin and say "Ton-nez". To this day it's been carried down to our children and their children and the kids all laugh. He always had a good sense of humor. He was good at figures and at one time worked as an Insurance man. This was before he worked at American Steel and Wire Company. When we were kids, we would bring his sandwich to where he worked and often he liked fried egg sandwiches. My mother would make them, wrap them in wax paper, then newspaper and tie thread around the package. Dad would sometimes eat only one and Dad would bring the rest home. It was a real treat to have a bite of one of his 'leftover egg sandwiches' wrapped in newspaper.

He did some of the cooking when Mom was alive and made the best roast beef and gravy. His beef was always tender even though he cooked the meat several hours. My children still talk about his roast beef, mashed potatoes and salad. He made the dressing with vinegar and oil and it was always "just right".

Memories of my mother, Rose Konowalski Birsa

As remembered by Marilyn (Pat)[4] Birsa Ahlvin, daughter of Benjamin[3] Birsa

Rose was the oldest of six children. She left school after eighth grade to help her mother with raising the younger children. She worked as a seamstress at the "Sweet Orr". She met and married Ben and her sister, Clara, met and married Frank (sisters married brothers). Rose was always a good seamstress and made many of my and my sisters' dresses as we grew up. She would often sew into the night to finish an outfit we might need for a special occasion. She made my high school prom dress for me. She liked to do crossword puzzles and read. She also knew crocheting and would embroider and trim pillow cases and donate them to church bazaars.

Family Memories

As remembered by David W.[4] Birsa, son of Joseph A.[3] Birsa

My father (Joseph A.) was in the U.S. Army during the First World War. The army sent him to school at what is now Illinois State University at Bloomington-Normal, Illinois for quartermaster core training. My mother had saved some post cards and letters received from him while stationed there prior to their marriage after the war. He never left the Midwest during his army tenure near the end of the war.

He played drums in the Rockdale Municipal Band when young, played with a local dance band and with the American Legion Drum and Bugle Core, which attended all the national conventions in the 20s, 30s, and 40s up to World War II. (I have a picture of the core band marching down Michigan Avenue in Chicago.) Several of the grandchildren of Benedict and Ann Viscek Birsa were members of the Rockdale School Band. Ed and Alice's children, Mary Ann, Dorothy, Ellen and Jack, who also played drums with the Joliet Catholic High School Band. Ben and Rose's children, Richard, Lorraine, Patsy and Donald; Frank and Clara's daughter, Joan and Joe and Ann's son, David, were all members and especially enjoyed the annual travel to Riverview Park in Chicago, Illinois to march in their Mardi Gras celebration and receive free passes to all the rides. This would span the 1939-1950 time frame.

During World War II, he was selected by the U.S. Government to serve as a volunteer member of the Will County Draft Board. He attended weekly meetings to review the hardship cases of men who applied for deferment or other decisions that the board was asked to judge on. For this service all through the war period, he received a signed citation from President Harry Truman commending him for this effort. Joseph, in about 1948, took a job as a Will County Jailer under Sheriff Overbey. He continued that job until retirement, also working under sheriffs Kirencic and Dorefler.

My mother, Ann, worked as a seamstress for the Sweet Orr company, which occupied the upper floor of the old White Store building still standing on Chicago Street in Joliet, Illinois and now owned by Turk Eagle. She left this job to marry Joe and move to Rockdale with him to the family home. She assisted in the early rearing of the two girls, Mary and Ann, who lost their mother. Later, Joe and Ann moved to their own home in Rockdale to raise their family.

Sons Ray, Art and Joe attended St. Joseph's school in Joliet. Sister Engratia (Ann Ursich) was a cousin of my father and was a teacher there. They were transported to school by their father in his store delivery truck and later, when older, took the bus daily from Rockdale to Chicago Street. All played in the Saint Joseph School band. (A class mate was Art Fonck.) Ray then went on the Joliet Junior College and was drafted in the Army, where he served in the Pacific, stationed in the Philippines, New Guinea, and was in the first wave of troops to occupy Japan after the surrender. He brought home Japanese army souvenirs (gun, flag, parachute, binoculars, etc). Ray went to work for the E.J. and E. Railroad in the office and yard and retired from there. Since his retirement, he has traveled and continues to travel to most of the world, including China and Russia (prior to the fall of the Russian government), Europe, North Africa, South and Central America, Alaska, and far away Pacific islands. He is an avid reader and paperback book trader and reads several books per month.

Art and Joe went to the navy during World War II. Art was stationed as a gunner on a support aircraft carrier, U. S. Manila Bay, which saw a considerable battle action in the south Pacific, including the battle of "Leyte" and received kamikaze damage more than once. Joe spent most of his service time in the South Pacific on various islands including Guadalcanal. After the war, Art and Joe operated the "Port Hole" tavern in Rockdale, a nautical theme from their navy days. They developed a large customer base of auto race fans as the two of them also sponsored their own racecars. Joe was a race car driver in midget and stock car circuits. He has many trophies. He was a good friend of locals Corky Singer, Bob Tattersol, Leo Melcher, and Fritz Scholtes. This activity put him on first name acquaintance basis with such of Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt, whom Joe has been a guest in their homes. Art and Joe sold the tavern business in the 1960's and started in the fast food restaurant business, opening "Franksville" on Jefferson Street in Joliet. They both retired from this business; however, they still retain ownership of the site. Joe retired to Fort Myers, Florida.

Uncle Lud was a mechanical wizard. At an early age, he built his own airplane. After World War II, he purchased war surplus army troop-cargo trucks and converted them into Hydraulic dump trucks used by Birsa Brothers to haul asphalt for road repair (due to shortages, you could not purchase new autos or trucks after the war for quite some time). He later applied for and secured a U.S. patent for autos to burn natural gas. He has many collector autos, which he has restored to near perfect condition. He invented and built some food packaging machinery during the Second World War for military use.

Family Memories

As remembered by Donald[4] Birsa, son of Benjamin[3] Birsa

I remember Grampa Birsa (Benedict) as small, wiry man standing in back yard 'wacking' stones with his cane. Uncles Lud and Frank were truckers. They bought their first trucks from US Army surplus (WWII). Lud was excellent mechanic, also an "inventor" of sort. Was always developing some kind of "Rube Goldberg" contraption. "Binka", or Uncle Alvin Birsa, was the Rockdale Ice Man delivering Ice to the 37 taverns in Rockdale before the advent of refrigeration, as we know it now. Uncle Ed worked at the American Can Company and was a heavy smoker. Uncle Joe was the politician of the family and prominent in Republican politics. My dad, Benjamin, worked as an insurance man for Prudential and for the most part at the American Steel and Wire Company in Rockdale and Joliet. He was a strong supporter of his children and very proud of them. He was a member of the school board and helped many people with income tax. We did not have a lot of money. Grampa Birsa gave each of the sons a house to live in. Where he earned the money to acquire these homes is beyond me. All the Birsa kids grew up together and played together. All were good kids and received or acquired many successes in their lifetime. Rose Konawalski Birsa, my mother, was a saint . . . a wonderful, hard working woman who put every one else first. Her sister, Clara (Frank Birsa's spouse) was much the same way. Brother Richard was older than me and lived his own life. Brothers Tom and Ben were my good friends as well as brothers. Sisters Lorraine and Pat are strong supporters of our family.

Things I remember about my brothers and sisters include Brother Richard was a talented piano player and very proficient administrator on his jobs with the Gerlach Barklow company in Joliet and Borg Warner in Joliet. He was also a college graduate with a degree in psychology. Sister Lorraine worked hard and was a victim of hard work. Her husband died in his 30's leaving her with three children including Chuckie, who was mentally handicapped. She has done well in her life despite the hardships. Sister pat was another college grad, having acquired her nursing degree. Brother Tom also graduated college. He was and is one of the finest wood craftsman/carpenters you'd ever want to see. Brother Ben was a professional baseball player, having signed with the White Sox in the late 50's. He played in the minors for several years. I guess father Ben did pretty well despite having to raise a family in the depression, what with three of his children earning college degrees.

Family Memories

As remembered by Raymond[4] Birsa, son of Joseph A.[3] Birsa

Benedict Birsa worked building the I & M (Illinois and Michigan) Canal. He worked in coal mines in Europe and when he came to this country. His son, Joseph A., lost part of his middle finger on his right hand in a coal mine accident when just a teenager. His father said no son of his would ever work in a mine again, and moved to Joliet to find other work. His wife worked as a cook for a wealthy family before she married. She also bred canaries and sold them.

Joseph A. played drums in a local orchestra right after World War I. He also played drums in the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. When a teenager, his hobby was photography, which was in its early years at that time. He loved to travel. He received a Selective Service System World War II Medal on back of which is engraved, "In name of Congress of U.S. for faithful and loyal service."

Arthur and Anne Birsa Family

As remembered by Dennis[5] Birsa, son of Arthur[4] Birsa

My family lived in Rockdale, Illinois on Otis Avenue until 1967, when we moved to Earl Street in Joliet. My father and Uncle Joseph owned the Porthole Tavern in Rockdale from after World War II to 1965. In those days they also owned a midget racecar and various stock cars and all the racing gang used to frequent my family's tavern. In 1965,they opened Franksville, a restaurant on West Jefferson Street in Joliet, and operated it until 1983. The old restaurant has since been leased to Subway Corporation and they still operate it. In 1968, My family built a strip-shop center on the back of the restaurant property, which they still own and lease to various tenants. My parents currently reside on Coventry Chase in Joliet near Inwood and they winter in Fort Myers, Florida. Golfing has become my father's passion since he retired.

As for myself, I have lived in Denver, Colorado since graduating from college in 1973. I have been employed in the Denver area for the past 25 years in the restaurant equipment industry as a Sales Representative. In 1994, my brothers Arthur, Gary and I went on a trip to Europe, traveling to France, England, Italy and Switzerland. While on this trip I was introduced to a young lady from San Diego, California, who was traveling with her friends, and since we were in the same tour group, we developed a friendship which carried on long distance after we returned to the U.S. for 3 years. That lady, Diane, became Mrs. Dennis Birsa last October 1997 and we just bought a new house this march 1998 here in Aurora, Colorado. She is employed by Equifax Corporation, a credit reporting service company.

Family Memories

As remembered by Sally[5] Birsa Honiotes, daughter of Donald J.[4] Birsa

I remember when we got our first color TV. It was around 1968. My dad, Don Birsa, had it delivered as a surprise for my mom.

We used to go to Michigan every summer. We'd wake up around 5 a.m., have donuts and all the kids would climb into the back seat of the car with a styrofoam cooler - which I would lay my pillow on.

I remember Sunday dinners at my Grandpa's house (in Rockdale - Ben Birsa/Rose). The best Sunday every year was the annual parade and carnival in Rockdale. All the Birsa Kids "cousins" were there. We'd climb on Grandpa's railing to watch the parade and afterwards we'd all go down to the carnival. Other Sundays we'd look for snakes in the vacant lot behind Grandpa's house. I also remember Grandpa's sister - Mary Giampaolo saving rain water in garbage cans behind her garage.

I remember my Uncle Richard Birsa , especially his laugh - which was like his father's (and my father's, too!), he was very kind to all of his nieces and nephews. We thought Uncle Richard was pretty neat because he lived in Chicago.

Before all of us (Don and Nancy's kids) had children of our own, we'd gather at their home in Plainfield each Sunday night for dinner and games of Boggle and Scrabble. Christmas Eve was quite the late night celebration - 2 a.m. at least! We'd eat and drink and laugh together - celebrating our family as well as Christmas.

My children adore their Grandpa and Grandma! Of course, (don) Grandpa is very indulgent of his grandchildren, much to Grandma's chagrin. He is very loving, caring and makes sure the kids always have fun when they are with Grandma and Grandpa. My children love their grandparents very much! And I am sure my children will have many, many wonderful memories of spending time with Grandma and Grandpa to share with their children.

Family Memories of Edward B. Birsa

Third Generation Descendant of Anton Birsa

Submitted by Dorothy Birsa Tomasino and Ellen Birsa Seeman

Edward, the third child of Benedict and Anna Birsa, was born in Carbon Hill, Illinois October 7, 1896, moving to Toluca, IL that same year. His family moved to Rockdale, IL in 1910 when Ed was 14. He worked for his father who owned his own general hauling business. Ed then worked for the American Can Company, where he met his future wife, Alice E. Smith. They were married February 24, 1928 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aurora, IL. When construction began on the locks and waterway at Brandon Road, Ed went to work there driving a Caterpillar. After the completion of the locks he returned to American Can Company working there for 44 years until they closed in 1959. He was 63 and wanted to work until 65 so he went to work for the Joliet Wrought Washer Company for two years. He retired in 1961. His wife, Alice, was one of twelve children. Her parents were Alexander Smith was born October 31, 1872 and died May 19, 1939. Sarah (Elsbury) Smith was born October 23, 1878 and died October 15, 1949. Alice lived and went to school in Loon Lake, Illinois, a town near Antioch, Illinois. Her family came to Joliet when she was a young woman in her teens. Her father was a guard at Stateville Prison. Alice and Ed had six children, their first born a son, Edward, born 15 October 1929, developed a staphylococcal infection and died December 27, 1929. He is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois at the feet of his grandmother Anna (Viscek) Birsa.

Uncle Richard

As remembered by Carol J.[5] Ahlvin Perez, daughter of Marilyn[4] Birsa Ahlvin

I have many fond memories of my Uncle Richard. He was the oldest of my mother's (Marilyn Birsa Ahlvin) siblings. He never married and even considered becoming a Catholic priest. Because he was single, he had time and energy for his nieces and nephews. When I was very young and we lived in California, he came to visit us. He was slim and handsome and enjoyed getting very sun tanned.

Uncle Richard lived in downtown Chicago. When we would visit him there, he would take our family to fun and interesting places. I remember going to China Town and him buying us little trinkets. He ate out a lot and when we went out with him, it seemed everyone knew him by name and gave us special attention.

Most of the time we saw Uncle Richard was on weekends at Gramma and Grampa (Rose and Benjamin) Birsa's house. He always took time to be with and get to know me and the other cousins. He made me feel special and loved.

Grandpa Birsa (Ben Birsa)

As remembered by Susan[5] Ahlvin Gouris, daughter of Marilyn[4] Birsa Ahlvin

Grandpa was a great cook. I remember the big family gatherings with all the Aunts and Uncles and cousins in Grandpa's tiny 2 bedroom house. And he fed all of us! He would have ham or roast beef, boiled potatoes (parsley), green beans, fresh tomatoes and huge salads. Grandpa was the cook and it always tasted wonderful at his house.

Grandpa was very generous with the grand kids. He always had a stash of candy bars in the dresser of the front bedroom. He also had soda and ice cream bars in abundance. We'd go for a walk with him and he knew everyone who lived in Rockdale (or so it seemed).

Family Memories

As remembered by Melissa[5] Birsa Trepel, daughter of Donald J.[4] Birsa

One of the biggest memories involving my mother and father was from 1986. A few days before Christmas, Mom was involved in a very serious car accident. She was in extremely critical condition for quite a while and at times we didn't know if she would make it through. But she did! After months of rehabilitation, she came home in February for a short visit so we could celebrate our long overdue Christmas. Mom came home from the hospital for good in May 1987. During this time, I saw such strength and determination in my mother - I was truly amazed and extremely proud of her. My Dad, during this time, was also something to marvel at. He was always by my mom's side, never missing a day. I don't know hoe he did it - but he amazed me too! I learned a lot about and from my parents during this time. I am extremely proud to be the daughter of Don and Nancy Birsa.

Family Memories

As remembered by Carrie[5] Birsa Stiteley, daughter of Donald J.[4] Birsa

I don't have any stories about my grandparents, since three of them passed away before I was born, and Grandpa Benjamin Birsa passed away when I was only 8 or 9. So, I'll tell you about a story from my family.

In December of 1986, my mother was involved in a horrible traffic accident on her way home from work. She was supposed to take me Christmas shipping that night. I'll never forget taking the phone call from Loyola. I listened as my dad took the information. They said she was hurt very badly and tat she was unconscious. It was a terrible feeling.

My mom survived the accident, but had to go through a great deal of rehabilitation. She is doing very well today despite it all.

Through it all, our family became very close. I watched my Mom and Dad's relationship grow to become very strong. It still is today. Our family will always mean the world to me and I hope we stay as close as we are today.

PART II

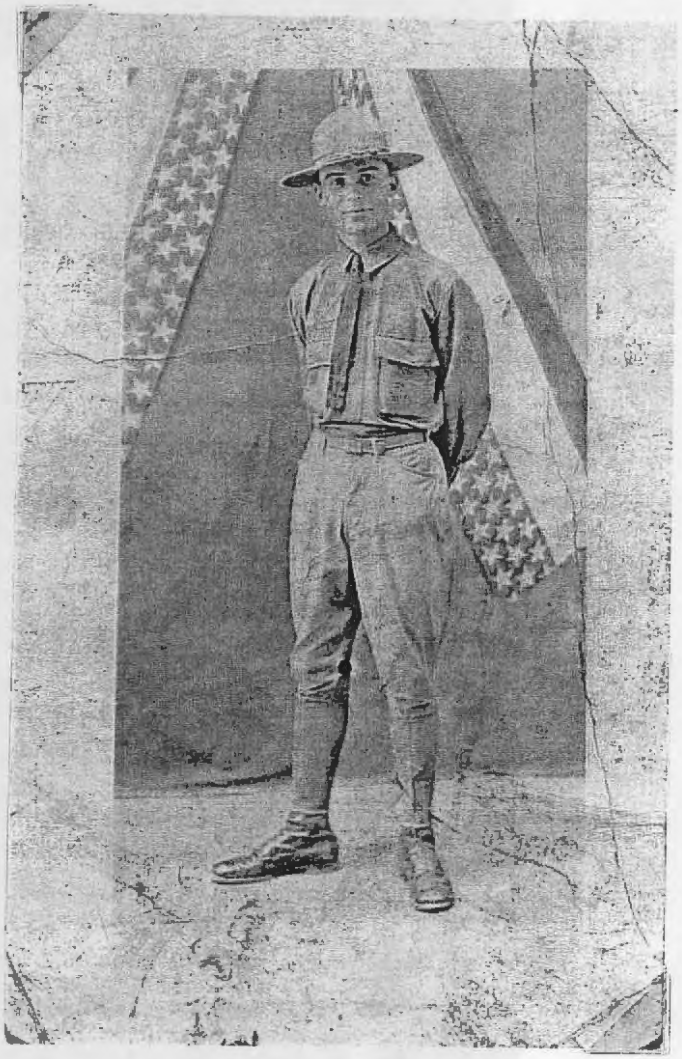
Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Joseph Birsa Sr. (1892 - 1967)

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Joseph A.[3] Birsa



Joseph A.[3] Birsa
United States Army
Enlisted May 28, 1918
Achieved rank of Corporal Nov. 12, 1918
Discharged December 11, 1918

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Joseph A.[3] Birsa and Anna M. Skroko
Married October 8, 1919

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

This Certifies

That on the eighth (8th) day of October

in the Year of our Lord 1919

Joseph A. Birsa

and Anna M. Skroko

were by me united in

Marriage

at Joliet, Illinois

According to the Ordinance of God and the Laws of Illinois.

Rev. George Violich

Pastor of St. Mary's Croatian Cath. Church

Witnesses | Benedikt Birsa.

Clementa Skroko

Marriage Certificate
Joseph A.[3] Birsa and Anna M. Skroko
Married October 8, 1919

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ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Joseph A. Bisen Grade: Corporal

Enlisted May 28, 1918, at Joliet Illinois

Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.

Prior service:* None

Noncommissioned officer: Corporal 12 November 1918

Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating:† Sharpshooter

Horsemanship: Not Mounted

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: None

Knowledge of any vocation: None

Wounds received in service: None

Physical condition when discharged: Good

Typhoid prophylaxis completed June 2 1918

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed

Married or single: Single

Character: Excellent

I certify that a bronze Victory Button has been issued.
O'Brien
CAPT. CAV. A.R.O.
Chicago, Ill.

Remarks:

Signature of soldier: Joseph A. Bisen

Robert E. Phillips
Major C A U S A
Commanding 202nd Co. Sep. A

RECEIVED
MAR 8 1919
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

* Company and regiment or corps or department, with inclusive dates of service in each enlistment.
† Give date of qualification or rating and number, date, and source of order announcing same.

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Honorable Discharge from the United States Army.

RV

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That Joseph a. Busath 1s 61246 Corporal C.A.C. 1st Co. Savannah, the United States Army, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the UNITED STATES by reason of † Par 2nd 2108 S.O. d.a.d. 29 Nov. 1918

Said Joseph a Busath 1s 61246 was born in Joliet, in the State of Illinois

When enlisted he was 25 8/12 years of age and by occupation a Clerk

He had Brown eyes, Brown hair, Fair complexion, and was 5 feet 6 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Fort Screven, Georgia this 11th day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

Fort Screven, Ga. DEC 11 1918

Washington APR 21 1919

Paid $60 under Act of Congress February 24th, 1919

Robert E Phillips Major Cavalry

Paid in full

Designated by Secretary of War to Sign in Behalf of Commanding General

GRAY, Major, Q. M. Corps.

NOV 29 1918

Paid additional travel

Act of Congress

* Insert grade and company and regiment or corps or department; e.g., "Corporal, Company ——, 1st Regiment ——." "Sergeant, First Class, Medical Department."

† Insert "Regular Army," "Volunteer Army," "Regular Army Reserve," or "Enlisted Reserve Corps," as the case may be.

‡ If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or description of authority therefor.

GRAY, Major, Q. M. Corps.

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
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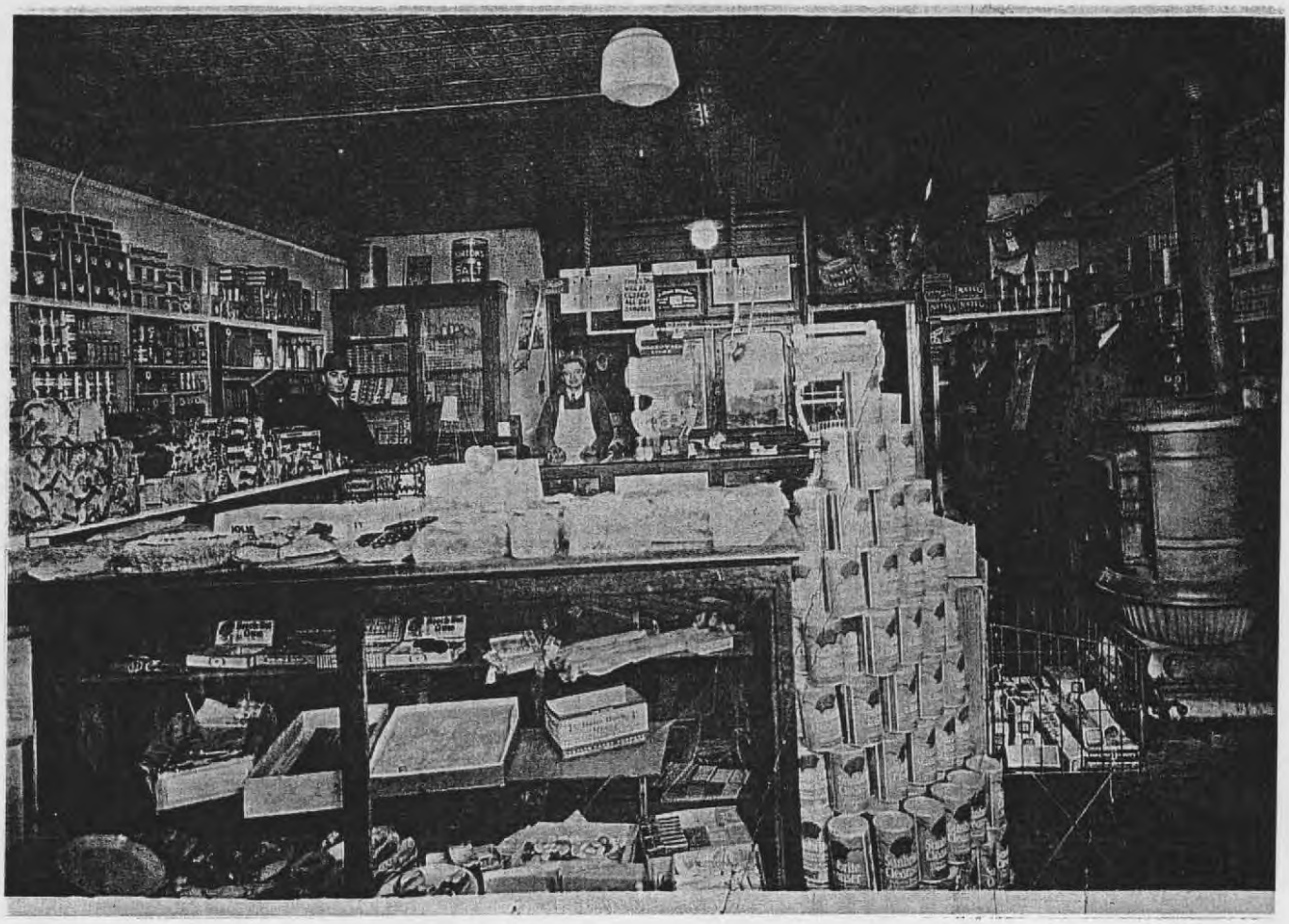


Birsa Market
on Moen Avenue in Rockdale, IL

Owned and operated through the depression and into the 1940's
Far left (with hat): **Joe Birsa, owner**
At center, an employee, and three customers at right

PART II Section I

Joseph A.[3] Birsa and Anna M. Skroko Birsa

Picture circa 1940

PART II Section I

Joseph A.[3] Birsa

Will County Jailer 1948 - 1960

Selective Service System

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that

Joseph A. Birsa

has honorably served as

A Local Board Member

in the Selective Service System of the United States

from Oct. 16, 1940 *to* May 31, 1947

Dwight H. Green
Governor

Harry Truman
President of the United States

Attest:

Paul Armstrong
State Director

Lewis B. Hershey
Director

DSS FORM 37A

Joseph A.[3] Birsa

The President

of the United States of America

has awarded this

Certificate of Appreciation

to

Joseph Birsa

in grateful recognition of uncompensated services patriotically rendered his country in the administration of the Selective Service System for the period of five years.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Dwight H. Green
Governor

Attest:
Paul H. Armstrong
State Director

Harry S. Truman

Lewis B. Hershey
Director

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Benjamin[3] Birsa
Son of Benedict Birsa
Serving with the United States Army
World War I

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Edward B. Birsa

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Edward[3] Birsa and Alice Smith
Married February 24, 1928

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Edward[3] Birsa and Alice Smith
On the occasion of their 50th Wedding Aniversary
Married February 24, 1928

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Edward Birsa Home
217 Fisher Avenue
built by Benedict Birsa

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Certificate of Birth
Edward[3] Birsa,
Son of Benedict[2] Birsa and Anna Viscek

CERTIFICATE
of
BAPTISM AND BIRTH

St. Joseph's Church, Joliet, Ill.

This is to Certify That Edward Birsa

Child of Benedict Birsa

and Ann Viscek

born on the 7th day of October 1896

in Joliet, Illinois

was ~~Baptized~~

on the 25th day of October 1896

ACCORDING TO THE RITE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

the sponsors being { Michael Ursich
Amelia Ursich

as it appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Msgr. M. J. Butala
PASTOR (H. K.)

Joliet, Illinois, June 16, 1959

(over)

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

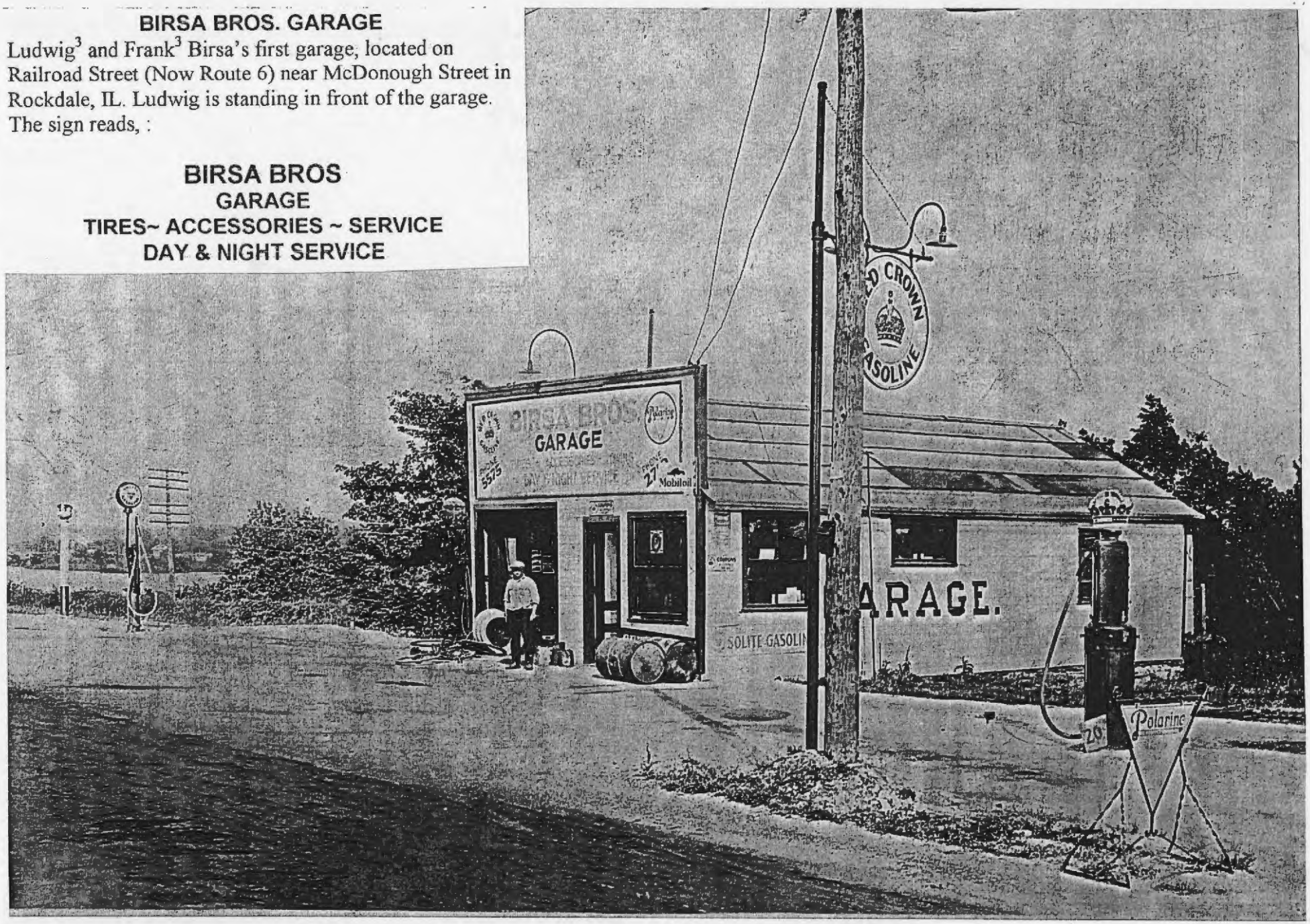
William[3] Birsa

Born 1905 – Died 18 September 1913
Son of Benedict[2] Birsa and Anna Viscek

BIRSA BROS. GARAGE

Ludwig[3] and Frank[3] Birsa's first garage, located on Railroad Street (Now Route 6) near McDonough Street in Rockdale, IL. Ludwig is standing in front of the garage. The sign reads, :

BIRSA BROS
GARAGE
TIRES~ ACCESSORIES ~ SERVICE
DAY & NIGHT SERVICE



Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Edward[3]Birsa

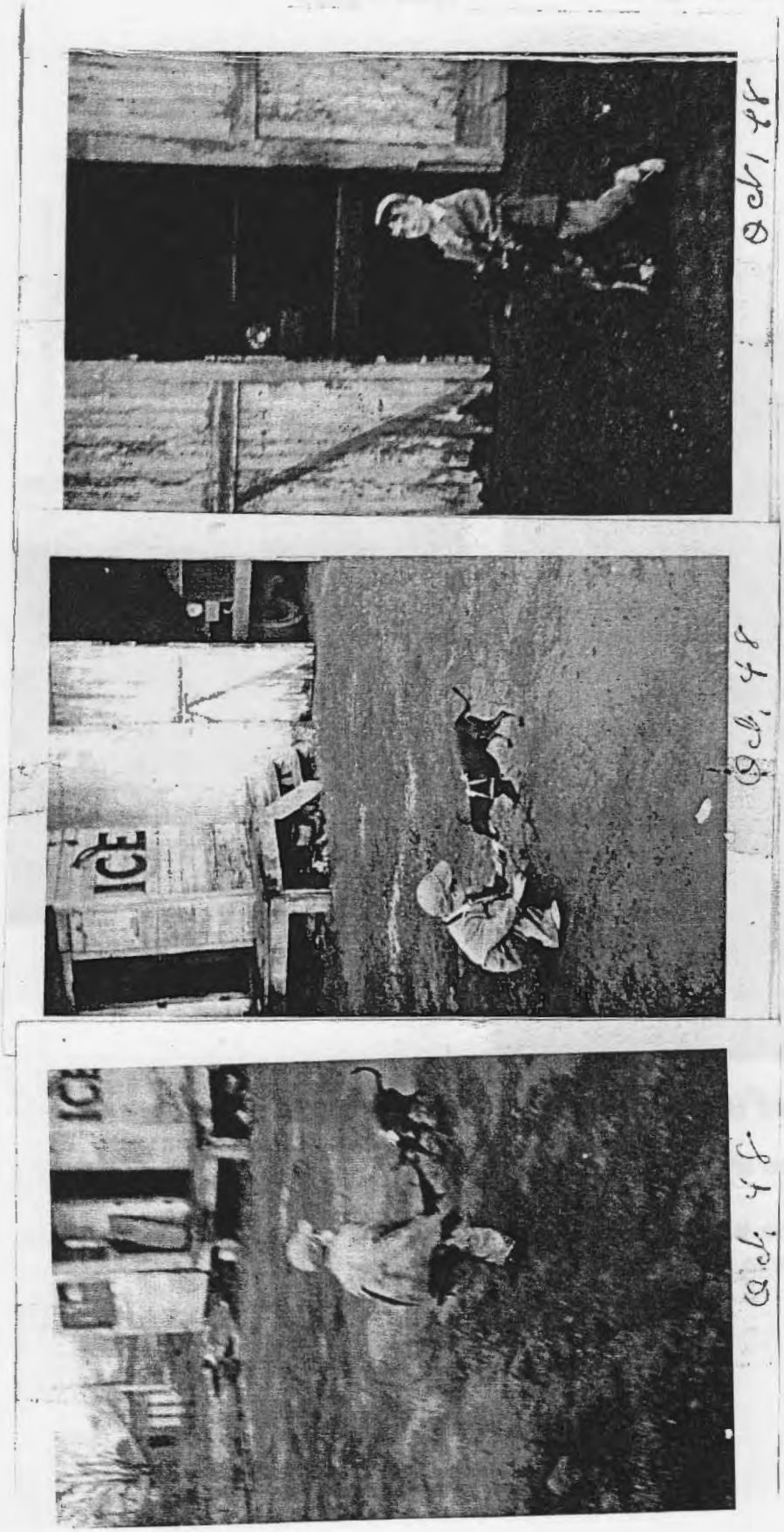
Son of Benedict[2] Birsa and Anna Viscek

In front of Birsa Bros. Garage on Moen Avenue in Rockdale, IL.

Another view of Birsa Bros. Garage on Moen Avenue in Rockdale, IL., 1948

Vehicle signage states 'MONARCH CLEANERS'

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919



Ronald[4] Giampaolo,

son of Mary C.[3] Birsa and Elmer Giampaolo,
at BIRSA BROS. GARAGE in Rockdale, IL with his dog 'Corkie'

Uncle Alvin[3] Birsa owned and operated the Ice House.

These three photographs provide a 'panoramic view' of the Birsa Brothers Garage.

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Ronald[4] Giampaolo,

son of Mary C.[3] Birsa and Elmer Giampaolo
at BIRSA BROS. GARAGE in Rockdale, IL

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Ludwig[3] Birsa

Fourth son of Benedict[2] and Anna Birsa

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Ludwig[3] Birsa

ROCKDALE FLIER IN PLANE CRASH

Ludwig Birsa, 30, Injured When Machine Falls at Kankakee.

LOST CONTROL

Kankakee, July 27—(Special)—Ludwig Birsa, 30 years old, Rockdale garageman, a student air pilot crashed here last night at the Kankakee airport in his single-seater Church-Low-wing, falling about 200 feet. He suffered a broken leg, broken arm and head injuries but is not believed to be fatally injured.

Birsa, who has been flying for about a year, has flown to the airport here numerous times. He arrived yesterday afternoon and flew about for a time. About 7:15 o'clock Walter Franklin, who tests ships for the government, took Birsa's plane up and after landing pronounced it to be in good mechanical condition.

Five minutes later Birsa had taken off by himself. He was about 200 feet in the air when apparently he lost control of the ship and it plunged to earth. The airplane was demolished.

X-ray pictures were to be taken today to determine if Birsa suffered a skull fracture. He is at St. Mary's hospital.

Ludwig Birsa resides at 219 Fisher avenue, Rockdale, and with his brother, Frank, operates a garage at 101 Moen avenue. He has been flying about a year, using the Joliet Airport on South Chicago street as his base.

Ludwig Birsa's plane, which Crashed July 27, 1929

Milestones

96th birthday

Ludwig Birsa of Rockdale celebrated his 96th birthday Jan. 26 at the home of his nephew, **Ron Giampaolo**.

Birsa, former co-owner of Birsa Brothers Trucking, was head mechanic for the 1970 Midget Race Car Champ, **Wally Lambert**.

Always a genius with a motor, he was awarded a U.S. patent at the age of 91 for an anti-pollution device.

Birsa lives at home with his sister, **M.G.**

Ludwig Birsa

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Clara Konowalski and Frank A.[3] Birsa

Attendants at the wedding of
Rose Konowalski and Benjamin Birsa on October 14, 1925
Frank and Clara were married November 3, 1926

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Wedding of Mary Birsa Giampaolo and Elmer Giampaolo
July 28, 1934
L-R: **Edward Birsa, Alice Smith Birsa,**
Elmer Giampaolo, Mary Birsa Giampaolo

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Mary[3] Birsa

Daughter of Benedict
Pictured (left) with
husband Elmer Giampolo

Anna J.[3] Birsa

Daughter of Benedict
Pictured (right) with
husband Leo Sicinski

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Leo A. Sicinski

Husband of Anna J.[3] Birsa (1907-2001)

Leo and Anna were married October 26, 1933

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Edward[3] Birsa Home

About 1910

son of Benedict[2] Birsa
(Benedict is standing in front of porch)
217 Fisher Avenue
Rockdale, Illinois

PART II Section l

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Joseph E.[4] Birsa, son of Joseph A. and Anna Birsa

Earlier days in the area

25 YEARS AGO
MAY 14, 1951

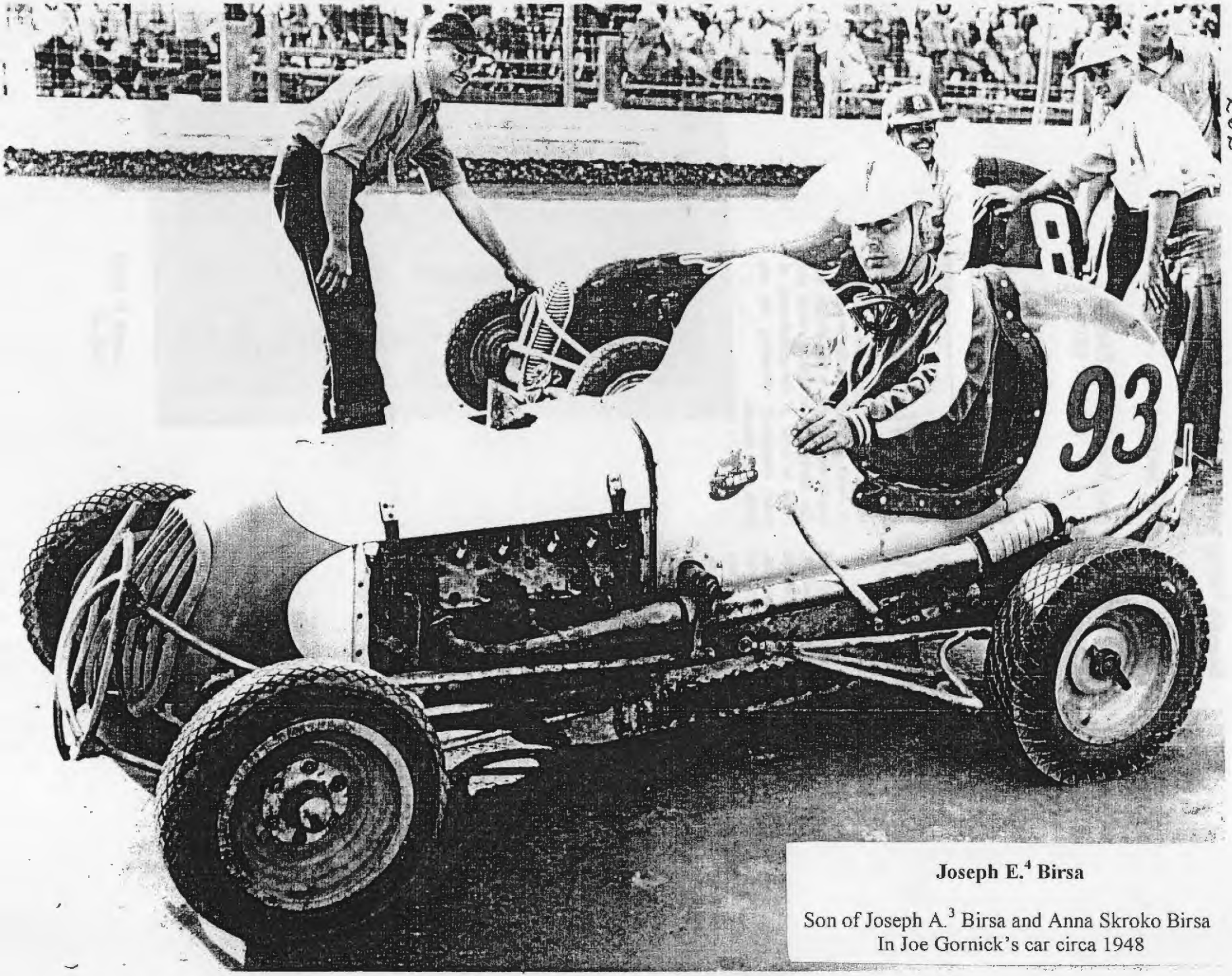
The 11-room house Fred Hand and his two sons, Arthur and Kenneth, have built in the last four years was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The most recent addition to the house on County Farm Road was completed four weeks ago. Hand estimated the loss at $7,000. He said he had no insurance.

For 15 years of service to Hadassah, Mrs. David Hirshfield has been given honorary membership for life in the local chapter of Hadassah. The tribute paid her is the first and only one of its kind ever paid to a member of Hadassah in Joliet.

A crowd of 4,200 had plenty of thrills at the Mazon stock car speedway yesterday, one of the most exciting since races started there a year ago. Rod Chapman of Aurora suffered slight injuries when his speeding car went over the embankment in front of the grandstand in the feature race of the day. In the third heat, Dee Denis of Joliet smashed into the corner of a concrete wall, and in the fourth heat Joe Birsa, also of Joliet, rolled over twice in front of the grandstand, almost completely wrecking his car. Both were unhurt.

Article, Joliet Herald News

Joseph E. Birsa
1946-46



Joseph E.[4] Birsa

Son of Joseph A.[3] Birsa and Anna Skroko Birsa
In Joe Gornick's car circa 1948

PART II

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Birsa Brothers
(L to R) **Ray, David, Art, Joe**

sons of Joseph A[3] Birsa
May 11, 1981

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Arthur B. Birsa, seaman 1/c, 724 Otis avenue, Rockdale, and shipmates on the escort carrier USS Manila Bay helped take the vessel thru action in the Pacific from the Marshalls across the ocean to Okinawa, and finally to the northern coast of Japan for occupation duties, the Navy's histories of its ships, now being revised, have disclosed. One of a handful of small carriers that fought a major portion of the Jap fleet in the battle for Leyte Gulf, the Manila Bay and her planes played their final role in the war with the units assigned to the occupation of northern Honshu and Hokkaido. Birsa's carrier joined the occupation units after a trip from the Aleutians, where she had been assigned following the Okinawa campaign.

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Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Dorothy[4] Birsa and Alex Tomasino

Dorothy is the daughter of Edward.[3] Birsa and Alice Smith Birsa

Married September 8, 1951
Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL

Benedict [2] Birsa – Anna Viscek Family
1863 - 1947 1866 – 1919

Marianne[4] Birsa and Peter Vukosovich

Marianne is the daughter of Edward.[3] Birsa and Alice Smith Birsa

Married July 15, 1949
Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL

PART II Section 2

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Fourth Generation Descendants of Anton[1] Birsa

Ellen[4] Birsa and Donald Seeman
daughter of Edward[3] Birsa and Alice Smith Birsa

Married August 22, 1953

PART II Section 2

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Andrew[4] Birsa and Barbara Tichy
Son of Edward[3] Birsa and Alice Smith Birsa

Married August 8, 1964

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

David W.[4] Birsa, son of Joseph A. and Anna Birsa

David W. Birsa and Marilu (Fonck) Birsa Family

From left: **Anita, Chris, David, Marilu, Beth**

Corp. Birsa Gets Job—in Japanese Automotive Plant

Working in the former Ford Motor company plant at Yokohama is Corp. Raymond Birsa, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Birsa, 724 Otis avenue, Rockdale, according to a morning news release.

The Rockdale soldier is said to be serving with the 12th ordnance service battalion which took over the plant in Tokyo shortly after going ashore at Yokohama.

THE UNIT was repairing a jeep in the plant less than six hours after landing on the Jap mainland, it was reported. That same evening they were so well organized that the unit was prepared to repair anything from a watch to the largest army motorized vehicle.

The Japs had been assembling trucks on a mass production line at the plant before the surrender.

Corporal Birsa's mother was somewhat amazed this morning when informed by telephone by the Herald-News of her son's whereabouts.

"You mean he's in Tokyo?" she queried. "Our most recent letter from him reached here several weeks ago. He was in Manila at the time," Mrs. Birsa added.

THE CORPORAL has two brothers in service, both in the navy. Arthur, according to Mrs. Birsa is believed to be in the Tokyo area also, and Joseph, Jr., is somewhere in the Pacific.

Corp. Birsa has been in service since January 1943, and overseas for a year. In civilian life, he was employed as a clerk by the E. J. and E. railroad.

#1211 Raymond J. Birsa, son of Joseph[3] Birsa

#1224 Donald J. Birsa, son of Benjamin[3] Birsa

Earlier days in this area

25 YEARS AGO
MAY 24, 1956

Nine Joliet Township High School girls are contenders for the title of "queen" of the Big Eight track meet May 26. The girls are Janet Marchio, Ann McFarland, Jean Streepy, Phyllis Monnie, Gail Hines, Vivian Anderson, JoAnn Tonkovic, Sandy Sebben and Judy Onsgard.

The entire community is invited to make this a real VFW weekend as Cantigny VFW Post No. 367 at Horseshoe Drive and Black Road burns its mortgage. The three-day celebration will include dancing, refreshments, free sandwiches and fun for all. The mortgage burning will be May 27 at 3 p.m.

Benny Birsa, Joliet Catholic's stout little lefthander, pitched an abbreviated no-hitter as the Hilltoppers whitewashed Lockport, 10-0, yesterday at Porter Field. The game was called on the 10-run-ahead rule after 5½ innings, and Birsa hadn't allowed a safety up to that point. It was the second no-hit, no-run game this season for Birsa.

#1226 Benedict John Birsa, son of Benjamin[3] Birsa

New advertising director named

Donald J. Birsa, 48, who began his newspaper career with The Herald-News, is the new advertising director of The Aurora Beacon-News.

BIRSA

Birsa was promoted to the top executive advertising job on Jan. 1, after 10 years as retail advertising manager and 24 years with Copley Press, Inc.

"I am looking forward to the challenges of 1983, especially with the economy the way it is," he said. He succeeds Pat Morris, who was named director of special projects for the Beacon-News.

Birsa, a resident of Plainfield, is a member of the Holy Family Church in Joliet and active in Jubilation. The event benefits St. Francis Academy and Joliet Catholic High School.

Birsa was educated in the Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College before attending Cornell College in Iowa.

He was employed by The Herald-News in October 1958 as a salesman in the classified advertising department. He also worked in the display advertising department before leaving for Aurora in 1972 to become retail advertising manager.

Birsa and his wife, the former Nancy Richardson, have two sons and three daughters.

PART II Section I

Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family
(1863 - 1947) - (1866 - 1919)

Joseph A.[3] Birsa
Joliet Herald News
November 10, 1967

Benedict Birsa, 83, Succumbs At Rockdale

Benedict Birsa, 83, a retired general hauling contractor, died early today at his home, 219 Fisher avenue, Rockdale, following a week's illness.

He was the father of Joseph Birsa, assistant Will county jailer and member of selective service board No. 2. Another son, Ben, is clerk of the Rockdale school board, while Frank and Ludwig, two other sons, are in the general hauling business which their father established with headquarters on Moen avenue.

BORN IN Yugoslavia, Mr. Birsa came to Joliet to make his home 56 years ago. About a half a century ago, he established the general hauling business, retiring in 1926. His wife preceded him in death 28 years ago.

Surviving are six sons, Joseph, Ben, Edward, Ludwig, Alvin and Frank; two daughters, Mrs. Leo Sicinski and Mrs. Elmer Giampaolo; 24 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Amelia Ursich, of Joliet.

The body has been taken to the Tezak Funeral home where friends may call after 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Obituaries

Joseph Birsa dies of crash injuries

Joseph A. Birsa, 75, of 1126 Belleview Ave. died today in Saint Joseph Hospital two weeks after his car collided with an ambulance in Joliet.

The former Will County jail employe died of complications resulting from multiple fractures received in the Oct. [redacted] cident. His wife, Anna, [redacted] injured in the accident at [redacted] ferson Street and Raynor Avenue. She was released from the hospital Oct. 29.

Birsa's auto was struck by a private ambulance driven by Arthur Barr, 20, of 1304 Marion St.

Mr. Birsa was the 17th traffic fatality in the city this year and the 80th in Will County.

Coroner Willard G. Blood will conduct an inquest.

Mr. Birsa was born in Joliet and had lived in Rockdale the past half century. He was a son of the late Benedict and Anna Birsa.

For 28 years he operated a grocery store in Rockdale. During World War I he served with the U.S Army.

Mr. Birsa served as a volunteer member of the Will County Selective Service Board for 10 years during World War II.

He was a charter member of the Harwood Post 5, American Legion, and held membership in the Illinois Police Association, the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church in Rockdale and of the Western Catholic Union.

Besides his wife, the former Anna Skroko, he is survived by four sons, Raymond, Arthur, Joseph E. and David, all of Joliet; five grandchildren; five brothers, Benjamin, Edward, Ludwig, Alvin and Frank, all of Rockdale; two sisters, Mrs. Leo (Ann) Sicinski of Joliet and Mrs. M. Elmer (Mary) Giampaolo of Rockdale.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday from the Tezak Funeral Home to St. Joseph's Church in Rockdale for a 9:30 a.m. requiem mass.

Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Harwood Post will be in charge of military services at the cemetery.

Visitation will be after 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening.

Children of Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family and their spouses

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOSEPH A. BIRSA

Born September 25, 1892
At Rest November 10, 1967

LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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Anna Skroko Birsa,
wife of Joseph A.[3] Birsa (#121)

In Loving Memory of

ANNA M. BIRSA

Born July 23, 1898
At Rest April 24, 1981

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LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

Tezak Funeral Home, Joliet, Ill.

† Jesus have Mercy on the Soul of †

BENJAMIN J. BIRSA
Born August 25, 1894
At Rest September 17, 1979

O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Rose Patricia Konowalski,
wife of Benjamin Joseph[3] Birsa (#122)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ROSE P. BIRSA
Born March 26, 1902
Died September 21, 1971

PRAYER

O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. *Amen.*

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

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Funeral

BIRSA, ANNA M.

Age 82, nee Skroko, Friday, April 24, 1981 at Saint Joseph Hospital. Late of 1126 Bellview Avenue, Rockdale. Survived by four sons, Raymond J. Birsa of Rockdale, Arthur Birsa (Ann) of Joliet, Joseph Birsa of Rockdale and David W. Birsa (Mary Lou) of Joliet, six grandchildren, four brothers, Peter (Agnes) Skroko, William (Margaret 1978) Skroko of Aurora, Anthony Skroko (Helen) and Walter Skroko, both of Joliet, three sisters, Mrs. Mary (Walter) Bozic, Rose Mrs. Rollin Walker, both of Joliet, Bernice Mrs. Robert Walker of Aurora, one aunt, Mrs. Antonia Tijan, one uncle, Joseph Minarich, both of Joliet, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Brazil, a lifelong resident of the Joliet-Rockdale area. Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Birsa (1967), her parents, Peter and Mary Skroko, one brother, Rudolph Birsa, one sister, Clementine Perisich. She's a member of the Council of Catholic Women Saint Joseph's, Rockdale War Mothers, Catholic Women's League, VFW Cantigny Post Auxiliary and the KSKJ. Remains are resting at the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 North Ottawa at Chicago Streets where funeral services will be held Monday at 9:00 a.m. to Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, at 9:30. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., Sunday. (26

PART II

Children of Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family and their spouses

BIRSA, EDWARD B.
At rest Saturday, October 9, 1982 at Saint Joseph Hospital. Survived by his wife, Alice nee Smith, three daughters, Marianne Mrs. Peter Vukosovich, Dorothy Mrs. Alex Tomasino, Ellen Mrs. Donald Seeman, two sons, John (Mary Jane) and Andrew (Barbara), 18 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren. Two brothers, Ludwig and Alvin Birsa, two sisters, Mrs. Ann (Leo) Siciniski, Mary Mrs. Elmer Giampaolo, numerous nieces nehews and cousins. Born in Carbon Hill, IL, Rockdale lifelong resident. Preceded in death by one son in infancy, Edward Jr. Parents, Benedict and Ann (Visich) Birsa. Four brothers, Joseph, Benjamin, Frank and William Birsa, one sister, Elsie Birsa. Employed at American Can Co., for 44 years, retired in 1959. Member of Holy Name Society of St. Joseph Church, Rockdale. Edward will be resting at the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa St. at Chicago St., where services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to St. Joseph Church, Rockdale at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Monday 2-9 p.m. (11

In Loving Memory of

EDWARD BIRSA

Born October 7, 1896

At Rest October 9, 1982

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LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus. ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

Tezak Funeral Home - Joliet, Ill.

BIRSA, ALICE E.
Age 86, nee Smith, at rest Friday, December 24, 1993 at Saint Joseph Medical Center. Survived by her children, Marianne, Mrs. Peter Vukosovich of Willow Springs, Dorothy, Mrs. Alex Tomasino, Ellen, Mrs. Donald Seeman, Jack (Mary Jane) Birsa and Andrew (Barbara) Birsa, all of Joliet; eighteen grandchildren; thirty one great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; two sisters, Stasia, Mrs. Earl McDermott, Letty O'Brien Vollmer; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Loon Lake, IL. Preceded in death by her husband, Edward (Oct. 9, 1982); one son, Edward, in infancy; her parents, Alexander and Sarah (Elisbury) Smith; five brothers, Willie, Tommy, Howard, Jimmy and Alex Smith; four sisters, Margaret (Thomas) Albrecht and Mary (Joyce) Olson, Ruth Smith, Emma (William) Sears. She was a member of the Council of Catholic Women of Rockdale; member and former President of the Rockdale Grade School Band. In lieu of flowers, memorials for the St. Joseph Statue at St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale.

BIRSA, ALVIN B.
"BINKA"

Age 93. At rest Wednesday, March 30, 1994 at Saint Joseph Medical Center. Born in Touluca, IL and a lifelong resident of Rockdale. Owned and operated Birsa Brothers Ice Co.; later years worked for Crown Rock Asphalt, Joliet. Member Laborers Local #75. Survived by one brother, Ludwig Birsa, two sisters, Ann (Leo, deceased) Sicinski and Mary (Elmer Sr., deceased) Giampaolo, special nephew, Ronald (Joann) Giampaolo. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded by his parents, Benedict and Anna nee Viscek Birsa, five brothers, Joe, Ben, Eddie, Frank and Willie Birsa, one sister, Elsie Birsa in infancy, one nephew, Elmer Giampaolo Jr. Alvin requested his remains to be cremated by Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

TEZAK FUNERAL HOME
459 N. Ottawa St., Joliet 815-722-0524
Family will meet relatives and friends for a Memorial Mass Monday evening, April 4 at St. Joseph Church, Rockdale at 6 p.m. in honor of Alvin B. Birsa.
Interment of cremains,
St. Joseph Cemetery.
No visitation.

Children of Benedict[2] Birsa - Ann Viscek Birsa Family and their spouses

In Loving Memory of

FRANK A. BIRSA
Born February 15, 1903
At Rest October 17, 1976

PRAYER

O *GENTLEST Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace.* Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Tezak Funeral Home

BIRSA, FRANK A.

Age 73. Sunday, October 17, 1976 at St. Joseph Hospital. Late residence, 503 Meadow Avenue, Rockdale. Survived by his wife, Clara, nee Konowalski. 3 sons, Robert of Joliet, James of Rockdale and Paul Birsa of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 1 daughter, Joan, Mrs. William Traven of Joliet. 9 grandchildren, 4 brothers, Ben, Edward, Ludwig and Alvin Birsa all of Rockdale. 2 sisters, Ann, Mrs. Lao Sicinski of Plainfield and Mrs. Mary (Elmer 1963) Giampaolo. Numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Born in Toluca, Illinois. Preceded in death by his parents, Benedict and Anna Birsa. Also 1 brother, Joseph Birsa. Lifelong resident of Rockdale. Operated the Birsa Brothers Trucking for many years, also employed by Crown-Trygg for 3 years. Retired in 1973. Member of Holy Name Society and the Teamsters Local Union. Remains are resting at Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa and Chicago Streets, where services will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. to St. Joseph Church, Rockdale, at 9:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.(19

BIRSA, CLARA A. (nee KONOWALSKI)

Age 82 years. Tuesday, July 29, 1986 at her late residence. Born in Joliet and a lifetime long area resident. Member of the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rockdale. Preceded in death by her husband, Frank A. Birsa (1976); her parents, James and Stella (Majchzak) Konowalski; one brother, Thomas and one sister, Rose Mrs. Ben Birsa. Survived by four children, Robert F. (Audrie) of Joliet, James J. of Rockdale, Joan Mrs. William Traven of Joliet and Paul (Arlene) Birsa of Farmington Hills, MI; nine grandchildren; three great granddaughters; three sisters, Irene (Melvin) Schulkin, Agnes Mrs. Frank Kuzma and Loretta Mrs. Vernon Belfield all of Joliet; also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services for Clara A. Birsa will be held Friday, August 1, 1986 at 9:30 a.m. from the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 251 N. Center at Campbell Sts. to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rockdale, Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Clara Konowalski,
wife of Frank Birsa (#126)

Leo Sicinski,
husband of Anna J. Birsa (#128)

SICINSKI, LEO A.

Age 71. Tuesday, July 1, 1980 at St. Joseph Hospital. Late of 906 Harmony Drive, Plainfield. Survived by his wife, Anna J. nee Birsa; one daughter, Dolores (Mrs. Gerald Nasenbeny), of Antioch, IL.; one son, Leo R. Sicinski (Carol), of Joliet; seven grandchildren; one sister, Stella (Mrs. Thomas Martis), of Carbondale; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Joliet. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Tekla Sicinski; also five brothers, John, Barney, Edward, Joseph and Frank Sicinski; one sister, Mrs. Ann Peppard (Roy). He is emoloyed at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. for 18 years, retiring in 1968. Remains are resting at the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa and Chicago Sts. where services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. to St. Thaddeus Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. (3

SICINSKI, LEO R.

Age 50. At rest Saturday, July 2, 1988, at St. Joseph Medical Center. Survived by his wife, Carole nee Panice Sicinski. Father of Thomas (Julie) of Philadelphia, and Cheryle, Scott, and Lee A. Sicinski. Mother, Mrs. Anna J. nee Birsa (Leo, 1980) Sicinski, all of Joliet; one sister, Mrs. Delores (Jerald) Nasenbeny of Antioch, Ill; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Joliet, lifelong resident. Preceded by his father, Leo A. in 1980. Employed at Caterpillar for 27 years in the medical department. Funeral services for Leo R. Sicinski will be Wednesday, arrangements incomplete, from the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa St. at Chicago Street to St. Mary Nativity Church for Mass of Christian burial. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday, 2 to 9 p.m.

In Loving Memory of

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RICHARD B. BIRSA

Born October 3, 1926
At Rest March 27, 1986

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PRAYER OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"Lord make me an instrument of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light: and where there is sadness, joy."

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life."

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BIRSA, RICHARD B.

Age 59 years. Suddenly, March 27, 1986. Late of Chicago and a former resident of Rockdale. Preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin J. and Rose (Konowalski) Birsa. Surviving are two sisters, Lorraine (Charles, 1967) Pedersen of Joliet, M. Patricia (Lawrence) Ahlvin of Racine, WI, three brothers, Donald J. (Nancy) of Plainfield, Thomas J. (Anne L.) of Joliet, Benedict J. (Carole) Birsa of Palatine, uncle of several nieces and nephews, nephew of Mary (Elmer) Giampaolo of Rockdale, Ann (Leo) Sicinski of Joliet, Alice (Edward) Birsa of Rockdale, Ludwig and Alvin Birsa of Rockdale, Clara (Frank) Birsa of Rockdale, Irene (Melvin) Schulkin of Joliet, Agnes (Frank) Kuzma of Joliet and Lorretta (Vernon) Belfield of Joliet. Mr. Birsa was born in Joliet and a resident of Chicago for 35 years. He was employed by the Borg Warner Corporation for the past 33 years as Pension Administrator. Was a graduate of Joliet Township High School Class of 1944 and Liola University. Veteran of World War II in the Army was Sergeant, served in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre, enlisted May 1944, was discharged August 1946. Remains are resting at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Center at Campbell Streets. Funeral services for Richard B. Birsa will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Rockdale where the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. VISITATION MONDAY, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorials in his memory to the Residential Fund Trinity School would be appreciated.

PART III

Micka [2] (Mary) Birsa

Daughter of Anton [1] Birsa

13 **MICKA [2] BIRSA** (Anton[1]) was born in Austria. Unlike her brother, Benedict, and her sisters, Amalija and Aloyzia, Micka remained in Europe. She died in Europe during World War II. She was never married. Micka lived with a family in Europe, caring for the children and helping with the housework. The following photographs of Micka are from the album of Angela Ursich Setina, daughter of Amalija Birsa Ursich.

PART III
Anton[1] Birsa – Josefa Cigoj Birsa Family
(1826 - 1902) - (18__ - 1847)

Micka[2] (Mary) Birsa,
daughter of Anton Birsa & Josefa Cigoj

Mary lived in Europe

PART III

Anton[1] Birsa – Josefa Cigoj Birsa Family

Micka[2] (Mary) Birsa, daughter of Anton Birsa & Josefa Cigoj
(fourth from left holding child) pictured with the family with whom she lived in Europe

PART IV

Josephine [2] Birsa

Daughter of Anton [1] Birsa

14 JOSEPHINE [2] BIRSA (Anton[1]) was born in Austria.
No further information is available about Josephine Birsa.

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa (1868 - 1928)
Anton Oberstar (1870 - 1945)
Aloyzia's father, Anton Birsa, (b. 1826)
holding Mary Oberstar (b. 1893)

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar

at the Oberstar home
on 105 Cora Street, Joliet, Illinois

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa

PART V

Aloyzia (Louise) [2] Birsa – Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Descendants of Anton [1] Birsa

15 ALOYZIA B. [2] BIRSA OBERSTAR (Anton[1]) was born 04 July 1868 in Malovse, Austria and died 19 October 1928 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery. She was baptized in the main church in Cernece. Aloyzia came to America when she was twenty-two years old, which would be 1980[e]. She was married 1890 in Joliet, Illinois to ANTON OBERSTAR, born 09 June 1870, Zagradec[a], Austria and died 30 December 1945.

Anton recorded the birth and death dates of his parents in a n notebook. His father, Franc Oberstar, was born 11 November 1840*-died 05 march 1908, 7 pm.[b] Anton's mother, Marija Maver Oberstar, was born 06 November 1843*-died 15 September 1907, 2 pm, Austria[b]. According to notes written by Aloyzia's daughter, Frances Oberstar Kerkos, Marija Maver Oberstar was the daughter of Joseph Maver, and Joseph Maver's mother was Anna Bajt. Frances Kerkos writes, "Pas [Anton Oberstar's] Grand Mother Maria Sadar[e]". However, we cannot be sure if Maria Sadar is Anton's maternal or paternal grandmother.

Anton became a naturalized citizen 16 April 1894 in Will County, Illinois[c]. This certificate may shed some light on the time of Anton's arrival in the United States. According to the Certificate of naturalization, Anton Oberstar ". . . arrived in the United States a minor under the age of twenty-one years, has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for and during the full term of five years, including the three years previous to this arrival of twenty-one years, and one year within the State of Illinois. . ." According to notes written by Frances Oberstar Kerkos, Anton Oberstar was 15 when he came to America, which would be 1885[e]. According to an article published by the American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.), Anton came to America in 1887[f].

Anton kept a record of his family in a personal notebook. In this notebook, Anton describes himself as of 21 September 1887: 149 pounds, 5 foot-5 inches tall, hat size 7 1/8, collar 15 1/2, shirt 15 1/2.[c] In addition, Anton wrote of his brother John, 1866 - 1888; his sister Mary, 1868; and his sisters Johana, 1875; Frances, 1877.

Anton Oberstar ran for Village President (Mayor) of Rockdale, Illinois 17 April 1917, winning that election. He ran for Police Magistrate for the Village of Rockdale, Illinois 20 April 1937.[d] He served as mayor of Rockdale from 1917 - 19__

Aloyzia and Anton Oberstar are buried at Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL. On the back of the Oberstar monument is written: *Anton Maver, 1848 - 1897; Anton Bersa 18 _? - 1902.*

151 Frank [3] OBERSTAR b./d. March 1891

152 Anton Oberstar b./d. July 1892

153 **Mary Oberstar** (Okoren, Skraba)	b. 25 August 1893
154 **Angela Oberstar** (Cencar, Beros)	b. 26 March 1895
155 **Frances Oberstar** (Anton Kerkos)	b. 24 October 1896
156 **Louise "Alouizy" Oberstar**	b 27 May 1897
157 **Anna Oberstar** (Joseph Juhant)	b 09 December 1899
158 **Rozi Oberstar**	b./d. 07 April 1902
159 **Frank Oberstar**	b. 03 December 1904
15X **Margaret Oberstar** (John Lee)	b. 21 September 1906
15A **Josephine Oberstar** (Al Paul)	b. 25 February 1910
15B **Charles Oberstar**	b./d. 07 May 1911
15C **Thomas Oberstar**	b. 17 December 1913

References for Aloyzia Birsa and Anton Oberstar:

a Anton Oberstar, Certificate of Birth and Baptism, village of Zagradeca, book E, page 43, #18, dated 09 June 1870

b personal notes written by Anton Oberstar

c Certificate of Naturalization, Anton Oberstar, 16 April 1894, Will County, Illinois

d. Election fliers

e. personal notes written by Frances Kerkos Oberstar during her trip to Europe in 19__.

f. American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.), newspaper article dated April 1917

* Documents for the birth and death of Franc Oberstar and Marija Maver Oberstar are not available at this time. The dates printed above are from the notes of Anton Oberstar, as he was their son. Anton's notes list only the year of birth of his parents. However, his notes list day, month, year and time of day for the death of each of his parents. The notes of Frances Oberstar Kerkos, recorded during a trip to Europe, indicate the dates as follows: (Notice that the dates written by Anton and Frances are only in agreement for the death of Marija Maver Oberstar).

Franc Oberstar	b. 11 November 1846	d. 05 February 1908
Marija Maver Oberstar	b. 06 November 1847	d. 15 September 1907

*On the back of the Oberstar (Anton and Aloysia Birsa Oberstar) monument in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois are two names and dates as follows:
Anton Maver, 1848-1897; Anton Bersa 18__ - 1902.
[Note: Anton Bersa is the father of Aloysia Birsa Oberstar. Marija Maver Oberstar (1843-1907) was the mother of Anton Oberstar. Anton Maver was most likely Marija's brother.]

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Anton Oberstar

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Dravska banovina
Pokrajina Slovenija.
Provincia Sloveniae.

Jugoslavija

Škofija Ljubljanska.
Dioecesis Labacensis.

Štev. 97
Num.

Rojstni in krstni list. — Testimonium nativitatis et baptismi.

Iz rojstne in krstne knjige župnije (duhovnije) Zagradec
Extractus e libro natorum et baptizatorum parochiae

Zvezek E stran 43 štev. 18
Tomus pagina numerus

Leto, mesec in dan Annus, mensis, dies	rojstva nativitatis	Entisoč osemsto sedemdeset devetí / 9. VI / junij
	krsta baptismi	1879 dne 9. junija
Kraj rojstva (ulica), h. št. Locus nativitatis		Kiten vrh h. št. 8
Ime otrokovo Nomen infantis		Anton
Zakonski, nezakonski, sin, hči Legitimus, illegitimus, filius, filia		zakonski sin
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan in vera Nomen, cognomen, conditio, religio	očeta patris	Oberstar Franc, zelorezničar } rim. katol. vere
	matere matris	Marija roj. Maver
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan botrov Patrini		Anton Maver, zemljak
		Katarina Šuštaršič, žena posestnika
Krstitelj Baptizans		Kvašina Jakob, kaplan

V dokaz resničnosti lastnoročni podpis in uradni pečat.
In quorum fidem subscriptio manu propria et sigillum officii.

Župni urad
Ex officio parochiali

Zagradec dne 9. avgusta 1934

Kolek in taksa
Bol. cum taxa

SIGILLUM PAROCHIALE IN ZAGRADEC

Gruškovec Jožef
župnik

Št. 19. Jugoslovanska knjigarna. Ljubljana. — 10000 38

Number 97 Diocese of Ljubljana

Birth and baptismal record

From birth and baptismal book of the parish in the *village of Zagradec*

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TAKSENAMARKA /:1870:/ 10 DINARA 10 TAKSENAMARKA

Year, Month, Day	Birth	/:9 VI:/ june
	Baptism	1870 9 JUNE
Place of birth (street), house number		Kiten, house number 8
Name of Child		Anton
Legitimate, illegitimate Son, daughter		legitimate, son
Birth & Family Name Status and Religion	Father	Oberstar, Franc, full countryman — roman catholic faith
	Mother	Marija nee Maver
Birth and Family Name, Status and religion of Godparents		Anton Maver, countryman Katarina Šustersič, wife of the landowner
Officiating		Krasna Jakob

In witness to the authenticity of the signature below and official seal.

Parish Office *in the village* *Zagradec, 9 August 1934*

Tax

SIGILLUM PAROCHIAE V ZAGRADEC

Guidovec, Joseph
Pastor

MINOR 161.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County of Will. } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on the 16th day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred ninety-four personally appeared before the Honorable Benjamin Olin Presiding Judge of the County Court of the County of Will and State aforesaid (the same being a court of record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a Seal and a Clerk) and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business, at the Court House in Joliet in the County aforesaid Anton Oberstar an alien born, free, male person above the age of 21 years, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject, as set forth in the Revised Statutes of the United States, approved June 22d, 1874, and the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court, Record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the said several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied, as well from the oath of the said applicant as from the testimony of John Klobucar and Anton Terdich who are known to be competent witnesses, that the said applicant arrived in the United States a minor under the age of twenty-one years, has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for and during the full term of five years, including the three years previous to his arrival at the age of twenty-one years, and one year within the State of Illinois; and having declared on oath, and proven to the Court that for two years next preceding his application it has been Bona Fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States; and that during said term of five years, he has sustained a good moral character, and appeared to be attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order, well-being and happiness of the same, and the said applicant having now here filed his declaration of intention to become a Citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject; and he having now here in open Court taken and subscribed the oath required by those laws, to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and more particularly all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to the ~~Sovereign~~ Emperor of Austria whereof he was heretofore a subject.

IT IS THEREUPON CONSIDERED ORDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT, That the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court, under the seal of said Court accordingly.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
WILL COUNTY. } ss.

I, Albion F. Delander, Clerk of the County Court of said State and County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Records from said Court.

Given under my hand and official seal this 18th day of June 19 29

Attest: Albion F. Delander
Clerk of the County Court.

Part V

Aloyzia (Louise)^2 Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family

(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

The Anton and Aloyzia Oberstar family on the front porch of their home on Cora Street circa 1905

In Back: **Anton, holding Frank (1904), Anna (1899), Mary (1893), Aloyzia, Louise (1897)**

In Front: **Frances (1896), Mary (1893), Angela (1895)**

Enlarged detail: **The Anton and Aloyzia Oberstar family on the front porch of their home on Cora Street** circa 1905
In Back: **Anton, holding Frank (1904), Anna (1899), Mary (1893), Aloyzia, Louise (1897)**
In Front: **Frances (1896), Mary (1893), and Angela (1895)**

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

The Oberstar Family at 105 Cora Street, Joliet, IL @ 1908

Back: **Frances, Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar, Louise, Angela, Mary (holding Margaret)**
Front: **Annie, Frank, Anton Oberstar**

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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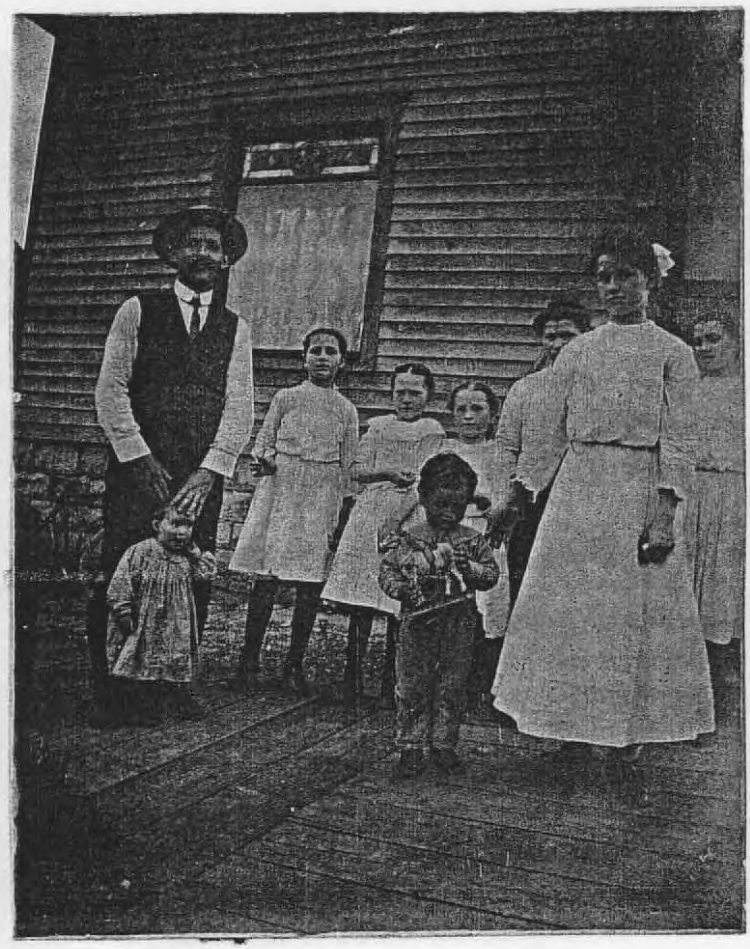

Family of Anton Oberstar and Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar

From Left: **Anton Oberstar, Frances** (10-24-1896), **Louise** (5-27-1897), **Anna** (12-9-1899), **Aloyzia**(partially hidden behind Mary), **Mary** (8-25-1893), **Angela** (3-26-1895)
Children in Front: **Margaret** (b. 21 Sept. 1906), **Frank**(b. 3 Dec. 1904)

1909

WORKINGMEN'S

ANTON OBERSTAR
FOR
Village President

Election, Tuesday, April 17, 1917 Rockdale, Ill.

CANDIDATES

Frank Zupansich
FOR
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

VOTE THE
WORKING MEN'S
TICKET
FOR
Lower Taxes
Efficiency and
Economy

Peter Johnson
FOR
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Fred. Hofmeister
FOR
VILLAGE CLERK

John Janovicz
FOR
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Polls open at 7 A. M.
and close at
5 P. M.

VOTE EARLY

Louis Mavric
FOR
POLICE MAGISTRATE

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OUR PLATFORM

We are opposed to Bond Issues and Special Assessments. The yearly revenue of the Village is large enough to take care of all improvements.

We should have better sewers, better streets and cleaner alleys more efficient Police and Fire Department.

We believe that a quarterly statement should be issued by Treasurer, showing all incomes and disbursements. The taxpayers would then know what their money was spent for.

The Village ordinances should be enforced so the men, women and children will receive full protection they are paying for.

We believe in Lower Taxes.

Water should be sold to the people of Rockdale at cost, and to the outsiders at a higher rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Voter:-

If you have the interests of the Village at heart, think well before you cast your vote. Be a Booster for Greater Rockdale by voting the Workingmen's Ticket straight.

It stands for Efficiency and Economy
Improvements without Special Assessments
And a Square Deal to All.

NAŠA PLATFORMA

Mi smo zoper izdanje vsakoršnih obveznic ali posebnih asesmentov ali davkov.

Mi bi morali imeti boljše odtoke, lepše ceste, čistejše ulice, boljšo policijo in požarno brambo.

Po našem mnenju bi moral mestni blagajnik izdati vsake tri mesece račun dohodkov in stroškov, da bodo davkoplačevalci vedeli zakaj se je njihov denar porabil.

Mestne postave bi morale biti izvršene, da bodo možje, žene in deca imeli popolno varnost za kar plačujejo davek.

Mi mislimo, da bi morali davki biti nižji.

Voda bi se morala prodajati ljudem v Rockdalu za isto ceno, kakor stane mesto, a ljudem izven mesta pa po nekoliko višji ceni.

Gosp. Volilec in ga. Volilka!

Ako imate interese mesta prisrcu, dobro pomislite predno oddate svoj glas. Bodite napredni in delujmo vsi za boljši in večji Rockdale; to pa storite, če boste oddali svoje glasove za može na WORKINGMEN'S TIKETU, ki se potegujejo za: NAPREDEK IN VARČEVANJE, JAVNE NAPRAVE BREZ POSEBNIH DAVKOV IN VSAKEMU KAR MU GRE.

BEFORE YOU VOTE

Stop

Look

Listen

SAFETY FIRST!

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Anton Oberstar, President

Rockdale, Ill.

PRVI SLOVENSKI ŽUPAN V V ROCKDALE, ILL.

April 1917

Vsa prijazna in cveloča rockdalska naselbina je pri občinskih volitvah dne 17. t. m. nestrpno čakala izida. Ker je v tej naselbini pretežna večina Slovencev, so ti postavili na delavskem tiketu svojega moža županskim kandidatom in to v osebi občeznanega in spoštovanega rojaka Antona Oberstarja, enega izmed prvih naseljencev v Joliet Ill., oz. v Rockdale. Skupno, ali složno delovanje pri kampanji in na dan volitve je pokazalo, kaj zmore solidarnost. Pri volitvah je zmagal namreč slovenski kandidat rojak Oberstar; to je torej prvi slovenski župan v tej naselbini. Vsa čast in čestitke zavednim volilcem in vsa čast tudi napredni naselbini v Rockdale, Ill.

Poleg župana A. Oberstarja sta bila na volilnem tiketu v občinski zastop tudi še dva druga Slovenca in sicer: policijskim sodnikom (Police Magistrate) rojak Alojz Mavrič in občinskim klerkom (Village Clerk) rojak Josip Birsa. Ker sta dobila označena dva kandidata nezadostno, ali jednako število glasov kakor njuna nasprotnika, se bo za oba žrebalo pri prihodnji občinski seji. Želeti je, da bi imela ta dva rojaka v tem pogledu uspeh in srečo!

Ker je bil A. V. zgodovini naše rockdalske naselbine [illegible] prvič izvoljen Slovenec županom tega mesteca, se nam zdi umestno, da prinašamo tukaj njegovo sliko in par podatkov iz njegovega življenja.

Rojak Anton Oberstar je star sedaj 47 let; rojen je bil namreč l. 1870 v vasi Kitni Vrh, blizu Krke, sodn. okraj Višnja Gora na Dolenjskem. V Ameriko je prišel že pred 30 leti, (l. 1887.) Sprva je delal v svoji novi domovini v nekem premogovniku poldrugo leto, nakar se je preselil v Joliet, Ill., kjer je bil neprestano 24 let zaposlen v tamošnji, žičarni ali "drotovni". Izmed teh 24 let je bil v tovarni 17 let preddelavec (foreman) in tolmač; zadnjih 5 let pa ima dobroznano gostilno v Rockdale.

Anton Oberstar, prvi slovenski župan v Rockdale, Ill.

Leta 1915 je bil izvoljen v mestno zastopstvo v Rockdale (Member of Trustees) in pri tem je bil načelnik finančnega odbora. Ko je prišel rojak A. Oberstar v Joliet, je bilo ondi menda samo 5 do 6 slovenskih družin.

V zakonu ga je Bog obdaril s 13 otroci. 9 jih je še živih, 4 so pa že umrli.

S ponosom moramo povdarjati da je novi rockdalski župan, rojak Anton Oberstar tudi član naše K. S. K. Jednote in sicer že več let spada k društvu sv. Treh Kraljev št. 98 v Rockdale. Tekoče leto je tudi predsednik tega društva.

Še enkrat izražamo sobratu A. Oberstarju naše iskrene čestitke k izvolitvi. Želimo mu mnogo uspeha v tej težavni službi, da bi nastopal in deloval vedno nepristransko in v korist našega slovenskega judstva v Rockdale, Ill.

The following article appeared in the Slovenian newspaper published by the K.S.K.J. (American Slovenian Catholic Union)

First Slovenian Mayor of Rockdale, Illinois

April 1917

The whole blooming Rockdale village had local elections and they waited impatiently for the results because in this village of mostly Slovenians they put on a worker's ticket their own man, and this man, well known and respected candidate Anton Oberstar is one of the first newcomers to Rockdale.

Together in harmony working in a campaign on the day of election showed what solidarity can accomplish. He won the election as candidate of the Workers Party, meaning our Slovenian candidate Anton Oberstar, is the first Slovenian major in this village. All the honor and congratulations from faithful voters and all the honor to the whole whole village of Rockdale.

Besides Mayor Oberstar there was on the election ticket for village representation two other Slovenians who won office, namely Police Magistrate Alojz Mavric and Village Clerk Josip Birsa. Because there were only two marked candidates they were not publicized enough and they did not get enough of the votes. Like his opponents, they will draw a lottery at the next city council meeting.

We're wishing that our two candidates will have much success and luck !

[not readable]. Since this is the first time a Slovenian mayor was elected in this town, we feel it appropriate that we bring his picture here and a few dates and information from his life.

Anton Oberstar is now 47 years old. He was born in 1870 in the village Kitni Vrh near Krka na dolenjskem, judicial district of Visnja Gora. He came to America in 1887 and worked in the coal mines for one-half year. Then he moved to Joliet and worked in the steel mills for 24 years, 17 of which as a foreman and interpreter. For the last five years he ran a well known tavern (gostilna) in Rockdale.

In the year 1915 he was elected as a Member of the Trustees of Rockdale and he was head of the financial committee. When our friend came to Joliet, there were only five or six Slovenian families.

In marriage, God blessed him and gave him thirteen children, nine are still living and four died.

Our new Rockdale mayor, our friend Anton Oberstar is also a member of K.S.K.J. and he belongs to Three Kings Lodge number 98 in Rockdale. Last year he was also the president in that lodge.

One more time we wish our fellow countryman (or compatriot) much success in this hard job that he would stand and work unbiased for the good of our Slovenian people in Rockdale, Illinois.

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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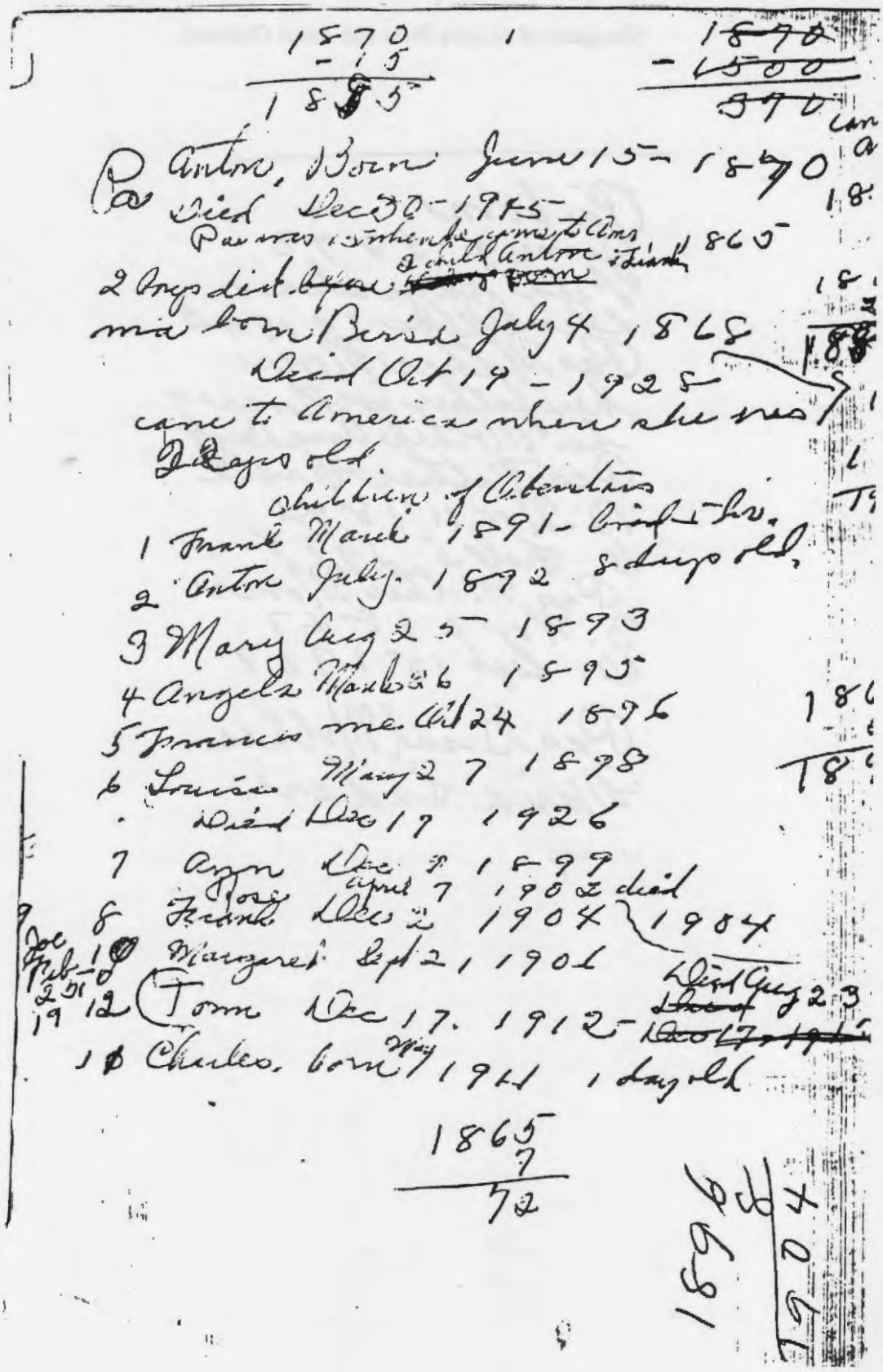
Part V

Notebook kept by Frances Oberstar Kerkos, Daughter of Aloysia Birsa and Anton Oberstar



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Pa Anton, Born June 15- 1870
Died Dec 30- 1945
Parents came from Germany to Ans
2 boys died before
ma born Birsa July 4 1868
Died Oct 19 - 1925
came to America when she was
2 days old
children of Abrahams
1 Frank March 1891- brother
2 Anton July 1892 8 days old.
3 Mary Aug 25- 1893
4 Angela March 6 1895
5 Frances me. Oct 24 1896
6 Louise May 27 1898
Died Dec 17 1926
7 Agn Dec 8 1899
8 Frank Dec 2 1904 April 7, 1905 died 1904
9 Margaret Sept 2, 1901
10 Tom Dec 17. 1912-
11 Charles. born May 7 1914 1 day old

1865
7
72

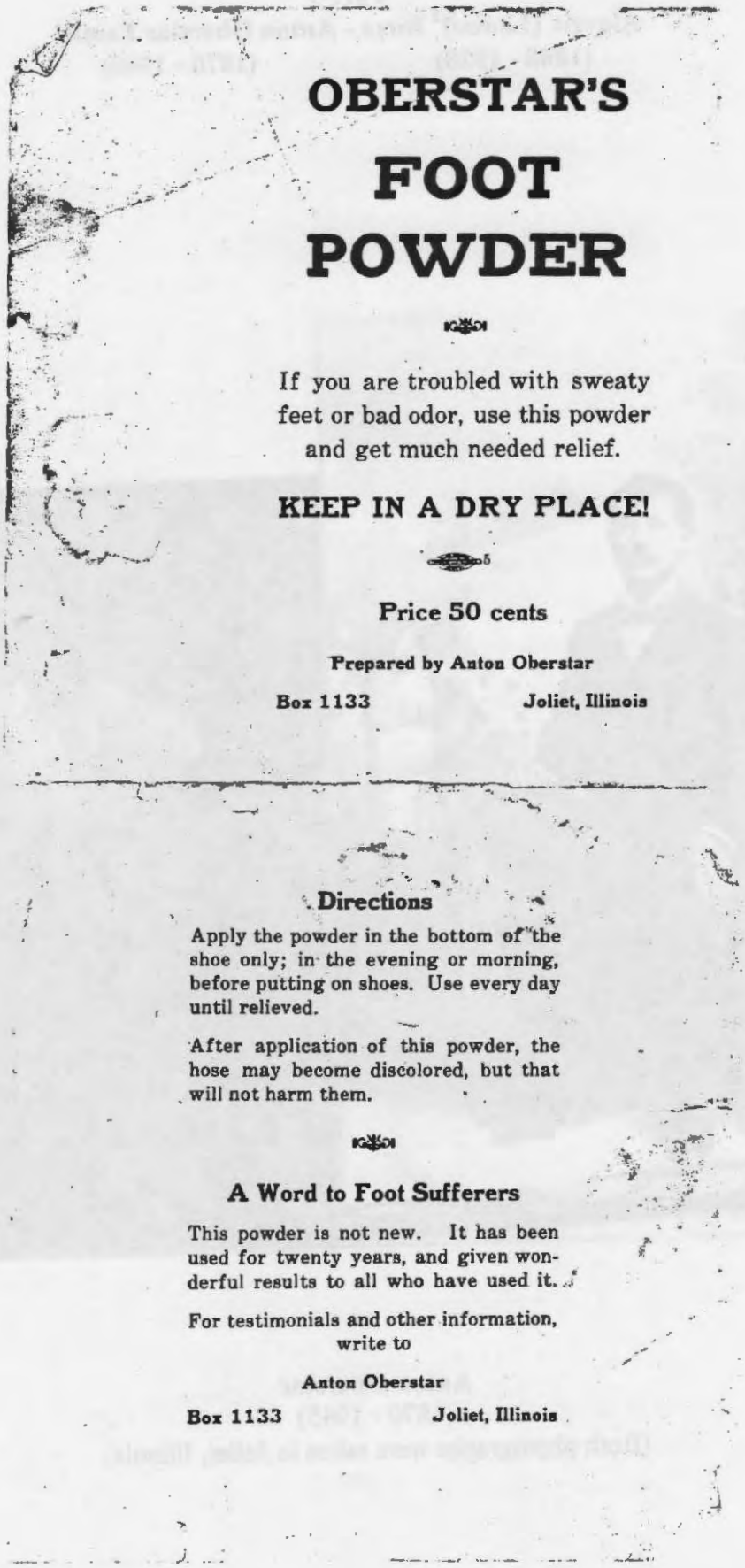
1898
1904
1961

Part V

Notes from Frances Oberstar Kerkos' note book when she was in Europe

(Daughter of Aloysia Birsa and Anton Oberstar)

Pa born
June 9. 1870
Fiume Austria
Died Dec. 30 1945
Pas Mother Mover
her father Joe Mover
his Mother Anna Bizjak
Pas Father Frank
B. Nov 11 1844
D. Feb 5 1905
Pas Mother Mover
B. Nov 6 1847
D. Sept 15 1907
Pas. Grand Mother
Maria Lukan.



OBERSTAR'S FOOT POWDER

If you are troubled with sweaty feet or bad odor, use this powder and get much needed relief.

KEEP IN A DRY PLACE!

Price 50 cents

Prepared by Anton Oberstar

Box 1133 **Joliet, Illinois**

Directions

Apply the powder in the bottom of the shoe only; in the evening or morning, before putting on shoes. Use every day until relieved.

After application of this powder, the hose may become discolored, but that will not harm them.

A Word to Foot Sufferers

This powder is not new. It has been used for twenty years, and given wonderful results to all who have used it.

For testimonials and other information, write to

Anton Oberstar

Box 1133 **Joliet, Illinois**

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Anton Oberstar
(1870 - 1945)
(Both photographs were taken in Joliet, Illinois)

PART V SECTION 1

Aloyzia (Louise) [2] Birsa – Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Third Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

151 **FRANK [3] OBERSTAR** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born March 1891 and lived for five hours.

152 **ANTON [3] OBERSTAR** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born July 1892 and lived for eight days.

153 **MARY [3] OBERSTAR OKOREN/ SKRABA** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 25 August 1893, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 19 January 1987, Joliet, Illinois, age 93. Buried Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL. She was married (1) to FRANK OKOREN [1886-1949]. She was married (2) to ANTON SKRABA.

1531 Frank[4] OKOREN	b. March, about 1911
1532 Mary Okoren Mussario	b. 06 October 1912
1533 Vincent Okoren	b.
1534 Cecelia Okoren Kiermas	b. 1918
1535 John Raymond Okoren	b. 1920
1536 Bernard Okoren	b. died in 1918

154 **ANGELA [3] OBERSTAR** CENKAR/ BERO (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 26 March 1895, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 04 September 1987, Kankakee, Illinois, age 90. She is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL. She was married (1) 25 July 1917, Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Will County, Illinois to JOSEPH CENKAR. Joseph was born 18 January 1895, died age 66 years.

Joseph Cenkar emigrated to the United States on 05 October 1913, at the age of 18, aboard the steamship Kaiser Franz Joseph I, which sailed from Trieste, Austria, "20 IX 1913", arriving in New York at Ellis Island. According to the Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration Officer at Port of Arrival, Joseph had resided in Littai, Austria. He was going to his brother in law Trucel [?] Hrovat, Box 417[?] Oglesby, Illinois. Joseph arrived in the United States with $25 in his possession[a]. The manifest lists the "name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country from whence alien came" as brother John Cenkar, Austria, Littai.

Angela and Joseph lived in Ogelsby, Illinois. They were divorced March 1942. She was married (2) 04 June 1945 to WALTER BERO, who died 25 September 1945.
Joseph Cenkar was working at the cement plant in Ogelsby when the workers went on strike. At this time, he traveled to Joliet to get a job. This is where he met Angela (as related by Margaret Cenkar Conibear).

1541 Margaret[4] CENKAR Conibear	b. 27 May 1920
1542 Joseph E. Cenkar	b. November 1921
1543 Albena Cenkar Tomsha	b. February 1923
1544 William Cenkar	b. 12 October 1924

References for Angela Oberstar and Joseph Cenkar

a The Statue of Liberty – Ellis Island Foundation. American Family Immigration History Center. Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration officer at Port of Arrival, *Kaiser Franz Joseph I*, arriving 05 October 1913, online at http://www.ellisisland.org

155 FRANCES R.[3] OBERSTAR KERKOS (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 25 October 1896, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 13 December 1985, Hammond, Indiana, age 89. She is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL. Frances was married 1915, Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Will County, Illinois to ANTON JAN KERKOS, born April 7, 1891, died May 1961, buried Saint Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, IL. Frances attended Saint Joseph Grade School, Joliet, Illinois. She worked in a tavern for her father until she was married. Afterward, Frances worked on and off in a tailor shop. She also worked at the American Can Company, Rockdale, IL as a cook. She was a beautiful seamstress, making all of the girls' clothing. She also did lovely embroidery. Frances was a member of Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, Illinois, Altar and Rosary Society. She retired from the American Can Company. Frances lived at 900 Meadow Avenue in Rockdale from 1950 until her death in December 1985.
Her husband, Anton Kerkos was a stone mason and bricklayer by trade. He built their home in Rockdale. Also, during the depression he was a policeman in Rockdale. Anton built the stone Grotto behind the altar at Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Joliet, IL. He also built a stone grotto at the old Saint Joseph's Hospital on Broadway Street in Joliet, as well as a grotto at Saint Joseph's Church in Rockdale.

1551 Leona R.[4] KERKOS Tessiatore	b. 27 December 1916
1552 Louise F. Kerkos Makovec	b. 08 August 1918
1553 Carolyn Kerkos Baldwin	b. 17 April 1922

156 LOUISE "Alouizy"[3] OBERSTAR KLINE (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 27 May 1897, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 19 December 1926; buried Saint Joseph Cemetery, Joliet, IL. She was married to JOHN KLINE.

1561 Thomas[4] KLINE OBERSTAR born about 1919
1562 Charlotte KLINE born 18 June 1922

157 ANNA BEATRICE [3] OBERSTAR JUHANT (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 09 December 1899, Joliet, Will County, Illinois [a] and died 18 July 1976, Joliet, Illinois, age 76. She is buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Joliet, IL. Anna was married 30 March 1916, Will County, Illinois by James L. McCullock, Justice of the Peace, to JOSEPH JUHANT[b]. Anna and Joseph were married in Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL on Sunday 25 July 1916 at 7:30 a.m.

Joseph Juhant was born 11 February 1894, Martins, Carniola, Austria; died 26 November 1965. Joseph Juhant immigrated to the United States on 14 August 1912, at the age of 18, aboard the steamship *Martha Washington*[c], which sailed from Trieste , Austria, 27 July 1912, arriving in New York at Ellis Island. According to the Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration Officer at Port of Arrival, Joseph had resided in Usti, Austria. He was going to a friend, Henry Peirgal [?] in Rockdale, Illinois. Joseph arrived in the United States with $25 in his possession[d]. The manifest lists the "name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country from whence alien came" as Dobracev, Austria, father Andres Juhant.

Joseph Juhant became a naturalized citizen of the United States 14 June 1921[e]. Joseph Juhant was employed as a galvanizer in the steel industry. He died of injuries sustained when he was struck by a hit and run automobile 31 October, 1965.[f]

1571 George Juhant b. 24 April 1917
1572 Lillian[4] JUHANT Ceresa b. 18 February 1919
1573 Joseph Juhant b. 05 January 1922
1574 Herman Juhant b. 04 April 1927
1575 Robert Juhant b. 21 June 1942

References for Anna B. Oberstar and John Juhant:

a Certificate of Birth, #73322 A 5870, Anna Oberstar, 09 December 1899, Will County, Illinois

b Certificate Marriage, Joseph Juhant and Anna B. Oberstar, 30 March 1916, Will County, Illinois.

c Declaration of Intention [to become a United States citizen], Number 2215, page 391, dated 16 February 1917 on file with Circuit Clerk of Will County.
Written on this document: "I, Joseph Juhant, aged 23 years, occupation laborer, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion medium, height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 154 pounds, color of hair brown, color of eyes, gray..."

d The Statue of Liberty – Ellis Island Foundation. American Family Immigration History Center. Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration officer at Port of Arrival, *Martha Washington*, arriving 14 August 1912, online at http://www.ellisisland.org

e Certificate of Naturalization, #1531569, Joseph Juhant, 14 June 1921, Will County, Illinois.

f State of Illinois, Coroner's Certificate of Death, dated Jan 21, 1966, Joseph Juhant, Sr.

158 **ROSE "ROZI"[3] OBERSTAR** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 07 April 1902, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She died in 1904.

159 **FRANK [3] OBERSTAR** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 December 1904, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 19 November 1980, age 75, Dixon, Lee County, Illinois. He is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL.
"Frank Oberstar was sent to Dixon State Hospital Dec. 3, 1919."[a]

References:
a Personal notes written by Anna Oberstar Juhant

15X **MARGARET LEONA[3] OBERSTAR LEE** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 21 September, 1906, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.; died 1997. She is buried Dearborn, Michigan. She was married 17 August 1929 to JOHN P. LEE. They lived in Dearborn, Michigan

15X1 Margaret "Peggy"[4] LEE Cobb b. 04 August 1930
15X2 Virginia Lee Bucci b. 26 January 1938

15A **JOSEPHINE [3] OBERSTAR PAUL** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 25 February 1910, Joliet, Will County, Illinois; died 05 August 1990. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois. She was married to ALEXANDER PAUL, buried in Detroit.

15A1 James[4] PAUL (Dearborn, MI) b. May 1938

15B **CHARLES[3] OBERSTAR** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born May 1911, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died when one day old.

15C **THOMAS [3] OBERSTAR** (Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 17 December 1912, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He died 23 August 1927. Thomas Oberstar died from tuberculosis of the spine. He is buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Joliet, IL.

PART V SECTION 2

Aloyzia (Louise) [2] Birsa – Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Fourth Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

1531 FRANK[4] OKOREN (Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 1911 Married Florence.
The Joliet Herald News, September 1, 1970, ran a "50 Years Ago Today" column for September 1, 1920. It reads, "For the first time in seven years, Frank Okoren, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Okoren of Rockdale was able to open his mouth and talk and eat after an operation at Batonville Hospital. It was said that this was the first time such an operation had been performed. The boy had been deaf and dumb since he was two years old."

15311 Donna Rae[5] Okoren b.
15312 LeRoy[5] Okoren b.
15313 Wayne[5] Okoren b.

1532 MARY[4] OKOREN MUSSARIO (Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 October 1912, Joliet, Will County, Illinois, died 09 July 1971, Joliet, Illinois. She was married 21 April 1924, Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Rockdale, Illinois to JOSEPH MUSARIO, born 06 Jan 1911, Italy, died 25 April 1985, Joliet, Illinois

15321 Mariann[5] MUSSARIO b. 05 March 1935
15322 Paul[5] MUSSARIO b. 06 November 1938

1533 VINCENT[4] OKOREN (Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 19__. He married MARGARY E. BUSCH

15331 Raymond[5] OKOREN b. 1969

1534 CECELIA[4] OKOREN KIERMAS (Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 1918. She was married to ED KIERMAN, born 1916.

15341 Barbara Jane [5] KIERMAS Hanson b.
15342 Diane[5] KIERMAS Witte b.
15343 Arlene[5] KIERMAS Malleny b.

1535 JOHN RAYMOND[4] OKOREN (Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 March 1920, died 12 July 1962, buried St. Michael Cemetery, Palatine, IL

15351 Patricia [5] OKOREN Lacy	b. 11 April 1943
15352 Nancy Louise[5] OKOREN Sorensen	b. 19 July 1945
15353 James[5] OKOREN	b. 03 May 1949
15354 Valerie OKOREN Rygel	b. 02 July 1956

1536 BERNARD[4] OKOREN (Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 1918. Died in Infancy.

1541 MARGARET [4] CENKAR CONIBEAR (Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 27 May 1920, Ogelsby, LaSalle County, Illinois. She was married 13 December 1941 to HERBERT L. CONIBEAR, born 08 April 1913, Lee County, IL, died 24 October 1996, Lee County, IL. Herbert was the son of Eri Conibear and Ida Shedensaack Conibear. Herbert was a member of the United States Coast Guard. Herbert Conibear built Conibear's Motel at U.S. Route 30 and Route 52 in Amboy, Illinois. The motel opened in 1951. Margaret and Herbert were owners and operators for 41 years. The motel was sold in 1992.

15411 Shirley[5] CONIBEAR	b. 20 August 1946
15412 Cindy[5] Conibear Noble	b. 30 November 1956
15413 Barbra[5] Conibear	b. 29 December 1958

1542 JOSEPH E [4] CENKAR (Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 November 1921, Ogelsby, LaSalle County, Illinois.

1543 ALBENA [4] CENKAR TOMSHA (Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born February 1923

15431 _____[5] TOMSHA	b. 20 August 1946
15432 _____[5] TOMSHA	b. 30 November 1956

1544 WILLIAM [4] CENKAR (Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 October 1924, Ogelsby, LaSalle County, Illinois. He was married 22 June 1946, at the Presbyterian Church to ANITA C. BROWN, born 13 December 1928, Ogelsby, Illinois, the daughter of Edward O. Brown and Anna Kralj. William served with the United States Navy from November 1942 to July 1946 as a Petty Officer GM First Class. He served on PT boats in the Mediterranean Sea in the European Theatre during World War II. He was also a first class sea diver. William studied business in college for one year. He was employed as an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company for 30 years in Mendota, Illinois. His hobby is working as a home shop machinist.

15441 Scott E.[5] CENKAR	b. 6 September 1955

1551 LEONA R. [4] KERKOS TESSIATORE (Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 27 December 1916, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 15 may 1948, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, IL to BERNARD P. TESSIATORE, born 30 July 1916, Joliet, IL. Bernard is the son of Bernard Tessiatore and Anna Perella. Leona is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 1931; Joliet Township High School 1935. She attended Business School in Detroit, Michigan, also Wayne, University. She also took several art classes at Joliet Junior College. Leona did secretarial work, being employed the longest at Union Machinery, Joliet, IL as secretary to President, Gavion Elwood, and later John Morrill. Prior to her marriage, Leona was active in the YMCA. She taught horseback riding and showed five-gated horses in competition. She is an accomplished artist in oil and watercolor. Leona has been on the Board of the Joliet Artist's League, and an officer for several years. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority for fifty years.

15511 Susan Lea[5] TESSIATORE b. 28 September 1949
15512 Bernard Robert Tessiatore 'Bob' b. 10 January 1956

1552 LOUISE [4] KERKOS MAKOVEC (Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 08 August 1918, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 20 May 2001. She was married 08 August 1918, Saint Joseph church, Rockdale, IL to JOSEPH MAKOVEC, born 28 September 1913, Chicago, IL and died 04 September 2000, Lansing, IL. Joseph is the son of John Makovec [d. 1953, Chicago, IL] and Anna Ansel [d. 1960, Chicago, IL]. Louise is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School, Joliet Township High School, 1937. She enjoyed sewing and gardening.

15521 Sandy[5] MAKOVEC b. 01 January 1948

1553 CAROLYN F. [4] KERKOS BALDWIN (Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 17 April 1922, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. She was married , Saint Joseph's rectory, Rockdale, Will County, IL to JAMES BALDWIN, born 07 October 1916, died 29 May 1998, son of John Philip Baldwin and Marguerite Maria Sophia Reinke.

Carolyn is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School, Joliet Township High School, 1940. She earned college credits in several storytelling seminars in later years.

She was employed at age 18 at Dale Theater in Rockdale, Illinois as a cashier. The owner was James Baldwin, her future husband. She was also employed at the American Can Company 1940-42; secretary, Baldwin Brokerage, 1950-1970; Junior Bowling coach for American jr. Bowling Congress, Angola, IN, coaching beginners to advanced children 1972-1988; Children'' Librarian and Story Lady, Angola Carnegie Public Library, 1976-2001.

Carolyn enjoys bowling, both playing in leagues and administration in local women's and youth state associations. Women's Indiana State Bowling Association Hall of Fame, 1986. Elected W.I.S.B.A. Member Emirate, 1988. State Junior Bowling Association Sergeant at Arms for 6 years.

Carolyn also enjoys storytelling, both for family and professionally, reading, sewing and collecting antiques.

	Infant son	b/d. 23 September, 1943
15531	**John[5] BALDWIN**	b. 05 October 1944
15532	**Robert[5] BALDWIN**	b. 28 February 1946
15533	**Dinah[5] BALDWIN**	b. 20 April, 1954
15534	**Toni Lynn Baldwin**	b/d. 07 December 1955

1561 THOMAS [4] KLINE OBERSTAR (Louise[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 1919. Thomas took the surname Kline when his mother married John Kline. After the death of his mother, Thomas was legally adopted by his grandfather, Anton Oberstar. Thomas was about 7 or 8 at the time of his mother's death.

1562 CHARLOTTE [4] KLINE (Louise[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 June 1922. She died around 1992-94. She was four years old at the time of her mother's death. "Shortly after the family of Anton Kerkos and Frances Oberstar Kerkos moved in with Grandpa Oberstar during the depression, Charlotte Kline moved in too. She had been raised by her Grandma Kline and her father up until then. For the next eight to ten years, Charlotte was raised by Frances Oberstar Kerkos, then she returned to her father. She had about five children, some were named Frances, Annie, Carolyn."[a]

References:
1 memory submitted by Charlotte's cousin, Carolyn Kerkos Baldwin

15621 Frances[5]
15622 Annie[5]
15623 Carolyn[5]
15624 Gordon[5]
15625 _____[5]

1571 GEORGE [4] JUHANT (Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 April 1917, Joliet, Will County, Illinois; died 4 May 1992, age 75. He was married 20 November 1941, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, Illinois to MARY CONNOR, born 08 June 1921, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Matthew Grey Connor and Marie W. Chamberlain [b. 25 September 1901, Joliet - d. 41 April 190, Joliet, IL]. George is a graduate of St. Joseph's Grade School, Joliet, IL 1932; Joliet Catholic High School 1936.
George attended Joliet Catholic High School on a football scholarship. He participated in the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) *[Article and online reference about the CCC follows this section].
Mary is a graduate of Saint Barnabus School, Chicago, IL 19__. She enjoys reading, drawing and cooking.

15711	**Georgia [5] JUHANT**	b. 07 July 1942
15712	**Geraldine Susan Juhant**	b. 12 August 1943

1572 LILLIAN [4] JUHANT (Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 February 1919, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. She was married 27 November, 1942, Saint Joseph Church, Rockdale, IL to ALDO F. CERESA. Aldo was born 05 April 1917, Kankakee, IL and died 13 February 1993, Boynton Beach, Florida, the son of Joseph Ceresa [b. Italy, d. Illinois] and Marie Olivetti [b. Italy, d. Illinois]

15721 Michele Anne[5] Ceresa	b. 18 August 1943
15722 Roxanne Ceresa	b. 27 October 1949
15723 Jon Ceresa	b. 28 November 1950

1573 JOSEPH EDWARD [4] JUHANT (Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 05 January 1922, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 21 June 1947, Saint Peter's Rectory, Joliet, Will County, IL to DELORES ANN MOTSCHALL, born 25 July 1924, Joliet, IL. Delores is the daughter of Gustav Motschall and Anna Hoibel Motschall. Joseph is a graduate of Sacred Heart Grade School, Joliet, Il; Joliet Township High School 1940.
Joseph served in the United States Army infantry during World War II, September 1944 – 1946. He served in the European Theater, France and Germany, attaining the rank of Corporal. Joseph was part of the infantry Marching Band, 84th infantry Division (Railspliters). He served with Army Special Services; Jazz Band on tours in Paris, Brussels, Namur, with "Special Shows" - Paulette Goddart & Co. Jazz Band tours included Allied Victory Celebration (1945), Olympic Stadium, Berlin, Germany; tour of Switzerland, 5 days; tour to Lourdes, grotto, basilica. Joseph was employed as a union carpenter. His hobbies include gardening, music (especially the saxophone).

15731 Keith Joseph[5] JUHANT	b. 12 November 1951
15732 Joseph Edward[5] JUHANT	b. 30 December 1953
15733 Jeanine Ann[5] JUHANT	b. 02 November 1955

1574 HERMAN [4] JUHANT (Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 April 1927, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. He was married 14 August 1954, Saint Joseph's Church, Rockdale, Illinois to BONNIE L. ZINSER, born 26 November 1934, Kewanee, Illinois. Bonnie is the daughter of William G. Zinser [b. 08 January 1911, Joliet, IL] and Mabelle Eaton Zinser [b. 01 May 1910, Mineral, IL - d. 19 September 1974, Joliet, IL]. Herman served with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was awarded the Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area campaign Medal, American Area campaign Medal. He was discharged July 1946. Herman is a graduate of Rockdale Grade School 19__. He was employed as a union carpenter. Herman enjoys antiques, cars and fishing.

15741 Brian William[5] JUHANT	b. 06 July 1958
15742 Kevin John Juhant	b. 04 April 1961

15743 Kimberly Sue Juhant Gilliland b. 29 December 1964

1575 ROBERT [4] JUHANT (Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant ,Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 21 June 1942, Joliet, Will County, Illinois

15X1 MARGARET "Peggy" [4] LEE COBB (Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 August, 1930.

15X11 Marie Louise[5] COBB b.
15X12 Margaret Ann Cobb b.
15X13 Mark Alan Cobb b.

15X2 VIRGINIA [4] LEE BUCCI (Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee ,Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 26 January 1938, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan. She was married 15 October 1960, Saint Alphonsus Church, Dearborn, Michigan to PETER J. BUCCI. Peter was born 30 October 1936, Detroit, Michigan. He is the son of Nicholas Bucci [b. 06 June 1908, Pennsylvania-d. 21 April 1978, Detroit, Michigan.] and Mary Corio [b. 31 December 1913, Pennsylvania – d. 30 March 1979, Detroit, Michigan]. Virginia earned an Associate in Business, University of Michigan. She enjoys sewing, reading, traveling and spending time with her six grandchildren.

15X21 Thomas Michael[5] BUCCI b. 02 December, 1961
15X22 Margaret Mary Bucci b. 31 October 1963

15A1 JAMES [4] PAUL (Josephine[3] Oberstar Paul ,Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born May 1938.

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PART V SECTION 3

Aloyzia (Louise) [2] Birsa – Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Fifth Generation Descendants of

Anton [1] Birsa

15311 DONNA RAE [5] OKOREN (Frank[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born

15312 LEROY [5] OKOREN (Frank[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born

15313 WAYNE [5] OKOREN (Frank[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born

15321 MARIANNE [5] MUSSARIO (Mary[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 05 March 1935, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Graduate Saint Patrick Grade School 1949; Providence Catholic High School 1953. Employed by Gerlach Barclow, Greetings, Inc 1953-66; Uniroyal at Joliet Arsenal 1966-76.

15322 PAUL [5] MUSSARIO (Mary[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 November 1938, Rockdale, Will County, Illinois. He was married 07 August 1965, Saint Dennis Catholic Church, Lockport, Will County Illinois to JUDITH STOCKBAR, born 10 July 1941, Joliet, IL. Judy is the daughter of John Joseph Stockbar [b. 10 April 1915, Lemont, IL – d. 17 March 1995, Florida] and Lillian Lucy Long [b. 28 Oct 1919, Lockport, IL]. Paul earned a B.S. in Business Advertising; M. S. in Secondary Education; has completed 40 hours toward a Doctorate in Education. Paul has worked in education from 1963-1998 as a teacher, assistant principal, curriculum director and principal. He served in the United States Army and the Army Reserves 1961-67. Paul enjoys playing golf.

153221 Timothy Paul [6] MUSSARIO b. 13 October 1966
153221 Robyn Meg [6] MUSSARIO Houston b. 27 June 1969

15331 RAYMOND [5] OKOREN (Vincent[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 1969

15341 BARBARA JANE [5] KIERMAS HANSON (Cecelia[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]). She was married to DONALD HANSON.

153411 SCOTT [6] HANSON b. 06 November 1968
153412 ELIN [6] HANSON Starr b. 03 February 1970

15342 DIANE [5] KIERMAS WITTE (Cecelia[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born_____.

153421 EDWARD [6] HORNSBY b. August 1965
153422 KRISTINE[6] HORNSBY Winscott b. 24 November 1966
153423 DANIEL[6] ZELKUS b. about 1975

15343 ARLENE [5] KIERMAS MALLENY (Cecelia[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born_____. She was married _____to RICHARD MALLENY

153431 EDWARD [6] MALLENY b. 06 May 1979
153432 JAMES[6] MALLENY b. 16 October 1980
153433 PAT[6] MALLENY b. 28 January 1989

15351 PATRICIA [5] OKOREN LACY (John[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 11 April 1943. She was married _____ to FRANK LACY.

153551 DEBRA [6] LACY

15352 NANCY LOUISE [5] OKOREN SORENSON (John[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 19 July 1945.

153521 Raymond[6] SORENSON b. 15 October 1966

15353 JAMES [5] OKOREN (John[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 May 1949. Married to BONNIE

153531 Jamie[6] OKOREN b. 02 April 1979
153532 Daniel[6] OKOREN b. 21 November 1980
153533 Andrea[6] OKOREN b. 20 September 1982

15354 VALERIE [5] OKOREN RYGEL (John[4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 02 July 1956. She was married _____ to GLEN RYGEL

153541 Wayne[6] RYGEL b. 15 October 1977
153542 Alissa[6] RYGEL b. 01 August 1980

15411 SHIRLEY [5] CONIBEAR, MD, MPH, FACPM, CIME (Margaret[4] Conibear, Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 August 1946, Amboy, Lee

County, Illinois. She was married 31 October 1975, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois to BERTRAM CARNOW, born 156 June 1922, Philadelphia, died 3 November 1996, Evanston, IL. Bertram was the son of Louis Carnow [born New York] and Helen Warshawsky [born 1900, Russia, died 1993]. Graduate Shimer College, Waukegan, IL, BA 1968; University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, IL, M.D. 1973; Intern, Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 1973-74; McNeal Memorial Hospital, Berwyn, IL, Resident in Family Practice, 1974; Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL, Resident in Family Practice, 1975-76; Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL, Resident in Occupational Medicine 1976; University of Illinois School of Public Health, Chicago, IL, Master of Public Health, 1976.

Shirley A. Conibear, President of Carnow, Conibear & Assoc., Ltd, is board certified in Occupational Medicine and board eligible in Family Practice. Pursuing her interest in occupational and preventive medicine has involved Dr. Conibear in research, medical education and private consulting. As a consultant, Dr. Conibear works for numerous corporations, engineering firms, and government agencies designing occupational health programs, conducting medical surveillance, examining employees and acting as corporate medical director of client organizations.

Her research work includes epidemiological studies of the health effects of exposure to toxic agents in the work place including a major study of aluminum smelter workers. She has directed eight Health Hazard Evaluations of industrial facilities for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and health. She has carried out morbidity studies examining how materials such as fluoride, lead, arsenic, organic solvents and ionizing radiation affect human health.

Her published bibliography includes more than twenty articles in leading scientific journals and book chapters. Dr. Conibear was on the faculty of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago for ten years where she held the rank of Associate Professor of Occupational Medicine. She also had an appointment in the Department of Environmental and Occupational health Sciences at the University of Illinois School of Public Health where she taught physicians and graduate students.

Dr. Conibear belongs to a variety of professional organizations including: American Public Health Association, American College of Occupational Medicine, and the Society for Occupational and Environmental Health. Dr. Conibear is also a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine and a member of the American College of Epidemiology. She serves as a public representative on the National Advisory committee on Occupational Safety and Health, a group formed by the Occupational Safety and health Administration to advise them on policy and direction. Dr. Conibear is a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO) and a board Certified Independent Medical Examiner (IME).

15412 CINDY [5] CONIBEAR (Margaret[4] Conibear, Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 30 November 1956, Amboy, Lee County, Illinois.

15413 **BARBRA[5] CONIBEAR** (Margaret[4] Conibear, Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 29 December 1958, Dixon, Lee County, Illinois. Graduate Amboy High School, 1974;, Sauk Valley Community College, 1981, AAS Radiologic Technology; Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, 1992, BS in industrial engineering. Barbra was employed by Centra Care Medical Center, Fort Myers, Florida as an x-ray/lab technician; Brownie Products, Gardner, IL as production coordinator 1995-99; New Breed Logistics, Bolingbrook, IL, as quality/data manager 1999-present. She enjoys gardening, crafts and animals.

15431 _____[5] **TOMSHA** (Albena[4] Cenkar, Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born

15432 _____[5] **TOMSHA** (Albena[4] Cenkar, Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born

15441 **SCOTT E.[5] CENKAR** (William[4] Cenkar, Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 6 September 1955, Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois. He died 1988. He was married 08 June 1974 to JUDITH BAKER.
After Scott's death, Judith Baker Cenkar remarried and lived in Oregon. Their son, Scott A. will graduate college in Bakersfield, California and lives with his grandparents, William and Anita Cenkar.

154411 SCOTT A.[6] CENKAR b. 07 September 1976

15511 **SUSAN LEA[5] TESSIATORE HEARNE** (Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 28 September 1949, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Married 20 October 1979, Saint Dennis Church, Lockport to JOHN T. HEARNE, born 21 June 1949, Oakland, California, the son of William and Alice Hearne. Susan is a graduate of Taft Grade School, Lockport, IL 1963; Lockport Township High School, 1967; Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL 1971, BS in elementary education. Susan taught fourth grade for Frankfort School District, Frankfort, IL. 1971-79. Recently she returned to teaching, tutoring elementary students and teaching art and ESL (English as a Second Language). Susan enjoys arts and crafts, horseback riding and music.
John is part owner and vice president of Mid-America Truck and Equipment Company, Elmhurst, Illinois.

155111 Beth[6] HEARNE b. 16 July 1981
155112 Josh Hearne b. 17 May 1983

15512 **B. ROBERT[5] TESSIATORE** (Leona[4]Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 10 January 1956, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 20 November 1981, Saint Mary's Church, Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois to MARY RAMAINDO. Mary was born 27 March, 1956, daughter of Anton and Anna Ramaindo. Bob is a graduate of Lockport Township High School, 1974; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1978,

BS engineering. Bob is a structural engineer, Department Head for HNTB, Chicago, Illinois 1978 – present. He enjoys sailing, fishing, water skiing, fine cabinet work and refinishing, and reading.

155121 Dominic [6] TESSIATORE b. 12 February 1985
155122 Elizabeth Tessiatore b. 15 November 1987
155123 David Tessiatore b. 20 June 1992

15521 SANDY[5] MAHOVEC (Louise F. Kerkos[4], Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born. Married DOUG ODOM

155211 CYDNEY JEAN "C. J."[6] ODOM b. 04 April 1981

15531 JOHN PHILLIP[5] BALDWIN (Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 05 October 1944, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Married, Coldwater, MI, to SUE ELLEN JACKSON. Graduate of Angola Grade School and Angola High School, Angola, Indiana. John is a dealer of Early American antiquities.

155311 Jeb Eric[6] BALDWIN b. December 1966
155312 Jason Mark Baldwin b. 15 February 1968

15532 ROBERT JAMES[5] BALDWIN (Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 28 February 1946, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was married to SHARRIE RODGERS. He was married 05 October 1985 to SALLY FAITH PEARSON. Graduate of Angola Grade School and Angola High School, Angola, Indiana. Robert is a mason.

155321 Carrie May 'Cammie' [6] BALDWIN
155322 James Phillip[6] Baldwin
155323 Sabrina Kristen[6] Baldwin b. 28 May, 1978

15533 DINAH EILEEN[5] BALDWIN (Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 April, 1954, Angola, Steuben County, Indiana. She was married 10 July, 1982, Cook County, IL to JEFFERY OBERLIN, born 07 December, 1950, Angola, Indiana, son of Baxter and Wava Brown Oberlin, both born in Angola, IN in the 1920's.
Graduate of Hendry Park, then Carlin Park elementary schools; Angola High School, 1972; Indiana University, BA, double major in English and Radio-TV, 1976; Indiana University, Master's degree in Education-Instructional Design, 1978. Employed as Production Assistant, Audio visual Specialist, A-V Manager, 1978-1984, Prudential Insurance Company, Chicago, IL; freelance producer, 1985-89; full time homemaker 1989-present. Dinah's hobbies include photography, music, investing, reading and attending her children's sports events.

155331 Eric Baldwin[6] OBERLIN b. July 21, 1983
155332 Ross Jacob Oberlin b. 02 July, 1985
155333 Alex James Oberlin b. 17 February, 1989

15711 GEORGIA [5] JUHANT (George [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 07 July 1942 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 03 March 1962, Saint John the Baptist Church, Joliet, Will County, Illinois to RICHARD LENZEN, born 18 July 1941, Joliet, IL. Richard is the son of Albert B. Lenzen [b. 24 April 1906, Grayslake, Lake County, IL - d. 22 January 1992, Joliet, IL] and Helen E. Kastelic [b. 06 September 1914, Joliet, IL - d. 01 December 1989, Joliet, IL]. Georgia is a graduate of the University of Illinois, Circle Campus, B.A. in elementary and Special Education, 1975; Southern Illinois University, M.A. in Remedial Reading 1989. She is a Special Education teacher of Learning Disabilities and Behavioral Disordered students in Joliet School District 86, teaching since 1976 to the present at Pershing Grade School. Georgia enjoys reading, quilting, cross stitch and fishing.

157111 Richard A.[6] LENZEN b. 19 February 1963
157112 Abigail M. Lenzen b. 06 August 1964
157113 Joel A. Lenzen b. 29 October 1965

15712 GERALDINE SUSAN [5] JUHANT (George [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 August 1943 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married (1) to LARRY G. WAGNER SR., born 22 February 1938, died 12 February 1967. She was married (2) 05 December 1987, United Methodist Church, Thomson, Carroll County, IL to LELAND ALISON GROHARING, born 09 September 1951, Thomson, IL, the son of Bruce Groharing and Alice Mayhall.
Geraldine is a graduate of St. John Catholic Grade School 1957; Plainfield High School, Plainfield, IL 1961; college of St. Francis, Joliet, IL, B.S. 1978. Geraldine is employed as a substitute teacher for the Joliet Public Schools, District 86. She enjoys art, craft, reading, fishing, and "seeing the world."

157121 Larry G.[6] WAGNER b. 14 February 1965

15721 MICHELE ANNE[5] CERESA (Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 August 1943, Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois. She was married 29 November 1969, Saint Agnes Church, Chicago Heights, Cook County, IL to JOHN P. FASO. John was born 05 April 1943, Chicago Heights, IL, the son of Phillip J. Faso [b. 11 May 1910, Chicago Heights, IL-d. 17 March 1982 Chicago Heights, IL] and Connie Pagoria [b. 31 August 1918, Chicago Heights, IL].
Michelle is a graduate of Bloom High School, 1961, Chicago Heights, IL; Dorel Beauty School, beautician, 1962, Chicago Heights, IL. Michelle enjoys helping people, traveling, ceramics and baby-sitting grandchildren.

157211 Taressa Anne[6] FASO b. 13 April 1971
157212 Christopher John Faso b. 05 May 1974
157213 Anjoli Marie Faso b. 01 April 1979

15722 ROXANNE MARIE[5] CERESA (Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 27 October 1949, Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois. She was married 02 June 1973, Saint Agnes Church, Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois to NEWTON LYLE ARCHER III, born 11 January 1946, Evanston, IL. Newton is the son of Newton Lyle Archer Jr [b. 22 July 1916, Paxton, IL – 06 October 1988, Morton Grove, IL] and Lois Anderson [b. 07 December 1919, Chicago, IL – d. 13 April, 1989, Morton Grove, IL]. Roxanne attended Saint Agnes School, grades 1-3; Roosevelt Elementary School, K, 4-5; graduate Washington Junior High School 1963; Bloom Township High School 1967; attended junior college 1 year. She has worked for Alcoa Aluminum and Chicago Cutting Die. Her hobbies include cooking and crafts.

157221 Ryan Matthew [6] ARCHER b. 08 January 1976
157222 Kyle Francis Archer b. 15 December 1977
157223 Heather Marie Archer b. 20 August 1982

15723 JON[5] CERESA (Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 28 November 1950, Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois. John was married 09 September 1983, by the Justice of the Peace, Disney World, Florida to LINDA BAUER, born 30 May 1948. Linda is the daughter of Mandy and Ruth Bauer. Jon attended Roosevelt Elementary School; Washington Junior High School; Bloom Township High School. He was a member of the Unites States Naval Reserve, 1969 – 1973. He is employed by Florida Power and Light. His hobbies include boats, motorcycles.

157231 Jennifer [6] CERESA b. 06 April 1972
157232 Laura Ceresa b. 14 January 1975
157233 Amanda Ceresa b. 30 August 1982

15731 KEITH JOSEPH [5] JUHANT (Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 November 1951 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 13 June 1976, Crest Hill, IL to DEBORAH ELAINE PETRELLA, born 05 October 1955, Joliet, Illinois, daughter of Frank Petrella and Eveleen Webb Petrella of Crest Hill, Illinois

Keith attended John J. Pershing elementary school, Joliet, IL. Graduate Hufford Junior High School 1965; attended Chicago Circle Campus for honors, summer 1968; graduate of Joliet Township High School, West campus, 1969; A.A. Joliet Junior College 1971; attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 2 years; Benedictine College, Lisle, Illinois 1976, M.S. in marketing. Keith has worked for 7-Up Bottling company the past 33 years, achieving the position of regional manager in Peoria.

Keith enjoys restoring his Corvette, traveling and being with his family.

157311 Danielle Elaine [6] JUHANT b. 20 June 1981
157312 Michelle Elaine Juhant b. 03 June 1986

15732 JOSEPH EDWARD [5] JUHANT (Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 30 December 1953 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Joseph attended John J. Pershing elementary school, Joliet, IL; graduate Hufford Junior High School 1969; graduate of Joliet Township High School, West campus, 1973. Joseph is a self-employed carpenter. He enjoys backpacking, fishing and enjoyed restoring a Cutlass 442.

15733 JEANINE ANN [5] JUHANT (Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 02 November 1955 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married 29 October 1982, Cathedral of Saint Raymond Nonatus, Joliet, IL, to ROBERT LEONARD REILLY, born 02 July 1956. Robert is the son of Harold Reilly and Betty Olznoi Reilly, Joliet, Illinois.
Jeanine attended John J. Pershing elementary school, Joliet, IL; graduate, Hufford Junior High School 1969; graduate of Joliet Township High School, West campus, 1973; Associate Degree in Applied Science, Nursing, Joliet Junior college 1978; Associate Degree in Science, Joliet Junior College 1992; graduate Northern Illinois University, B.S. in nursing 2000. Jeanine is dedicated to her work and her children.

157331 Patrick Christopher [6] REILLY b. 27 November 1986
157332 Hailey Katelyn Reilly b. 16 March 1995

15741 BRIAN WILLIAM [5] JUHANT (Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 July 1958, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 10 December 1977 to TONI N. PANNELL, born 06 August 1959, and died 18 October 1980. Brian remarried 08 July 1988 to RUTH WIENER. Brian has one stepson, Adam Baxter.

157411 Kristy Marie[6] JUHANT b. 12 March 1978
157412 Brian William Juhant Jr. b. 24 June 1980

15742 KEVIN JOHN [5] JUHANT (Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 April 1961, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 06 December 1997, Saint Anne Catholic Church, Crest Hill, Illinois to REBECCA A. SCULLY, born 18 May, 1967, daughter of Robert and Rosemary Scully.

157421 Kevin John[6] JUHANT Jr. b. 21 September 2000

15743 KIMBERLY SUE [5] JUHANT (Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 29 December 1964, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She

was married 15 March 1986 to WILLIAM H. GILLILAND, born 19 January 1956.

157431 Matthew Scott[6] GILLILAND b. 05 December 1990
157432 Brittany Nicole Gilliland b. 18 May 1995

15X11 MARIE LOUISE[5] COBB (Margaret[4] Lee Cobb, Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1])

15X12 MARGARET ANN[5] COBB (Margaret[4] Lee Cobb, Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1])

15X13 MARK ALLAN[5] COBB (Margaret[4] Lee Cobb, Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1])

15X21 THOMAS MICHAEL[5] BUCCI (Virginia[4] Lee Bucci, Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 02 December, 1961, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

15X22 MARGARET MARY[5] BUCCI (Virginia[4] Lee Bucci, Margaret[3] Oberstar Lee, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 31 October 1963, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

PART V SECTION 4

Aloyzia (Louise) [2] Birsa – Anton Oberstar Family
(1868 - 1928) (1870 - 1945)

Sixth Generation Descendants of
Anton [1] Birsa

153221 TIMOTHY PAUL [6] MUSSARIO (Paul[5] , Mary [4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 13 October 1966, Joliet, Will County, IL. Graduate Providence High School, New Lenox, IL 1984; Joliet Junior College 1984-87. Timothy is employed by Meijer's. He enjoys playing golf.

153222 ROBYN MEG [6] MUSSARIO HOUSTON (Paul[5] , Mary [4] Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 27 June 1969, Joliet, Will County, IL. She was married 03 October 1992, Saint Dennis Catholic Church, Lockport, Will County, IL to DONALD HOUSTON, born 09 July 1967, Murphysboro, IL Donald is the son of Donald Houston [b. 14 July 1936, Jackson, TN] and Peggy Houston [b. 17 Oct. 1937, Jackson, TN]. Graduate, Southern Illinois University, B.S. in Business 1991. She is employed as a customer service representative for Trudeau Corporation. This company manufactures and distributes houseware products for Sears, Marshall fields, Wal-mart and Target. Herhobbies include reading, swimming and collecting musicboxes. She and Donald enjoy nature walks and watching movies.

1532221 _____ [7] HOUSTON b. November 2000

153411 SCOTT [6] HANSON (Barbara Jane[5] Kiermas Hanson, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 November 1968

153411 ELIN[6] HANSON STARR (Barbara Jane[5] Kiermas Hanson, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 February 1970

153421 EDWARD[6] HORNSBY (Diane[5] Kiermas, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born August 1965

153422 KRISTINE[6] HORNSBY WINSCOTT (Diane[5] Kiermas, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 November 1966

153423 **DANIEL[6] ZELKUS** (Diane[5] Kiermas, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born . about 1975

153431 **EDWARD[6] MALLENY** (Arlene[5] Kiermas Malleny, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 May 1979

153432 **JAMES[6] MALLENY** (Arlene[5] Kiermas Malleny, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 16 October 1980

153433 **PAT[6] MALLENY** (Arlene[5] Kiermas Malleny, Cecelia [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born .28 January 1989

153511 **DEBRA [6] LACY** (Patricia[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 November 1960

1535111 Shawn [7] HERBOLD b. 28 January 1983

153521 **RAYMOND [6] SORENSEN** (Nancy Louise[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 15 October 1966

153531 **JAMIE[6] OKOREN** (James[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 02 April 1979

153532 **DANIEL[6] OKOREN** (James[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 21 November 1980

153533 **ANDREA[6] OKOREN** (James[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 September 1982

153541 **WAYNE[6] RYGEL** (Valerie[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 15 October 1977

153542 **ALISSA[6] RYGEL** (Valerie[5] Okoren, John Raymond [4]Okoren, Mary[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 01 August 1980

154411 **SCOTT A. [6] CENKAR** (Scott E. [5] Cenkar, William[4], Angela[3] Oberstar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 07 September 1976. Scott will graduate college in Bakersfield, California and lives with his grandparents, William and Anita Cenkar.

155111 **BETH ANN[6] HEARNE** (Susan[5] Tessiatore, Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 16 July 1981, Hinsdale, Illinois. Graduate of Lockport High School 1999; attending University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, studying child development. Member of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. Beth's hobby is dancing.

155112 JOSHUA THOMAS[6] HEARNE (Susan[5] Tessiatore, Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 17 May 1983, Hinsdale, Illinois. Graduate of Lockport High School 2001, where he was a member of the hockey team for 4 years. Attending Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, hoping to become a commercial realtor. Joshua is an avid golfer and a member of Delta Chi Fraternity.

155121 DOMINIC[6] TESSIATORE (B. Robert[5] Tessiatore, Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 February 1985, Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois.

155122 ELIZABETH[6] TESSIATORE (B. Robert[5] Tessiatore, Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 15 November 1987, Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois.

155123 DAVID[6] TESSIATORE (B. Robert[5] Tessiatore, Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 June 1992, Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois.

155123 DAVID[6] TESSIATORE (B. Robert[5] Tessiatore, Leona[4] Kerkos, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born

155211 CYDNEY JEAN "C.J."[6] ODOM (Sandy[5] Mahovec, Louise F. Kerkos[4], Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 04 April 1981, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

155311 JEB ERIC[6] BALDWIN (John[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born December 1966, Angola, Indiana.

1553111 JAKE[7] BALDWIN B. September, 2000

155311 JASON MARK[6] BALDWIN (John[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born February 1968, Angola, Indiana.

155321 CARRIE MAY 'CAMMIE' [6] BALDWIN (Robert[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 1968, Angola, Indiana. Cammie is a postal worker.

155322 JAMES PHILLIP[6] BALDWIN II (Robert[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born about 1970, Angola, Indiana.

155323 SABRINA KRISTEN[6] BALDWIN (Robert[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 28

May,1978, Angola, Indiana. Graduate Indiana University, BA in elementary education, 2001.

155331 **ERIC[6]BALDWIN OBERLIN** (Dinah[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 21 July, 1983, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Eric is a student taking special education at York High School in Elmhurst, IL. Eric was born with Down Syndrome.

155332 **ROSS[6] JACOB OBERLIN** (Dinah[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 02 July, 1985, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Ross attended Edison Elementary School,;Sandburg Middle School,; York High School, Elmhurst, IL, class of 2003. Ross enjoys sports, especially wakeboarding and wrestling. He plays trombone in the band.

155333 **ALEX[6]JAMES OBERLIN**(Dinah[5] Baldwin, Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 17 February, 1989, Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois. Alex attended Edison Elementary School and is now enrolled at Sandburg Middle School, Elmhurst, IL. He enjoys sports and plays the coronet in the band.

157111 **RICHARD A. [6] LENZEN** (Georgia[5] Juhant, George [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 19 February 1963 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 11 June 1994, Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan to DEBRA A. WALKER. Debra is the daughter of Timothy G. Walker [23 March 1948, Michigan] and Diana L. Bargerstock [31 July 1950, Pennsylvania]. Richard is a graduate of University of Illinois, Champagne, IL, B.S. 1985; Oakland University, Rochester, MI, M.S. 1996. He is employed by Daimler Chrysler 1986 – present; test engineer 1987-97, design engineer 1997-present. Richard is interested in science and science fiction. He enjoys golf.

1571111 Zachary W.[7] LENZEN b. 15 June 1996, Rochester, Oakland, MI
1571112 Isabel W. Lenzen b. 23 June 2000, Commerce, Oakland, MI

157112 **ABIGAIL M. [6] LENZEN** (Georgia[5] Juhant, George [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 August 1964 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. She was married to TIMOTHY LEO CARTER 23 November 1990, Crystal Lawn church of Nazarene, Joliet, Will County, IL. Timothy is the son of Curtis S. Carter [b. 41 April 1931, Kingston, IL – d. 26 June 1994, Joliet, IL] and Patricia A. Siepp [b. 08 October 1939, Rockford, IL]. Abigail is a graduate of Lockport High School, 1983; Joliet Junior College, A.A. She is employed by NTB (National Tire and Battery) since April 1989. Abigail's hobbies include sports, crafts and sewing.

1571121 Kelsey Lea[7] CARTER b. 03 September 1996
1571122 Allison Logan Carter b. 31 December 1999

157113 **JOEL A.[6] LENZEN** (Georgia[5], George[4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) 29 October 1965 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He is a graduate of Lockport Township High School, 1984, in top 10% of his class, member National Honor Society; Joliet Junior College, A.S. 1992. Joel works for Chicago Carbon Plant (formerly Union Oil California) as a C-operator 1993 - 1998; Durkee Foods, Senior Laboratory Technician, 1990-1993. He enjoys 12 inch softball, his team earning 4th in state championship 1992. Joel was a member of the K.S.K.J. Basketball National Championship Team 1996, 97, 98.

157121 **LARRY G.[6] WAGNER** (Geraldine[5] Juhant, George[4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 14 February 1965 Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

157211 **TARESSA ANNE[6] FASO** (Michelle[5] Ceresa, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 13 April 1971.

157212 **CHRISTOPHER JOHN[6] FASO** (Michelle[5] Ceresa, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 05 May 1974.

157213 **ANJOLI MARIE[6] FASO** (Michelle[5] Ceresa, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 01 April 1979.

157221 **RYAN MATTHEW[6] ARCHER** (Roxanne[5] Ceresa Archer, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 08 January 1976, Park Ridge, Cook County, IL. He attended Park View Montessori School 1979-82; graduate Eisenhower Elementary School 1986; MacArthur Junior High School 1986-89; John Hersey High School 1989-1993; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, B.S. in Civil Engineering with High Honors, 1998. Ryan is employed by Graycor Engineering Co., Homewood, Il.

157222 **KYLE FRANCIS[6] ARCHER** (Roxanne[5] Ceresa Archer, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 15 December 1977, Park Ridge, Cook County, IL. He was married 08 October 2000, Saint James Church, Arlington Heights, Cook County, IL to ERIKA ANNE WEBB, born 29 December 1975, Arlington Heights, Cook County, IL. Kyle attended Park View Montessori School 1981-84; graduate Eisenhower Elementary School 1989; MacArthur Junior High School 1989-91; John Hersey High School 1991-1995; University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, B.S. Business Administration, 1999.
Erika attended Rainbow Path Montessori School, Arlington Heights, IL 1978-80; Eisenhower Elementary School 1980-81; Saint Alphonsus Grade School, Prospect Heights, IL, 1981- 1987 ; graduate MacArthur Junior High School 1987-89; John Hersey High School 1989-1994; University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, B.A. Music, 1999. Erika is a Board Certified Music Therapist.

157223 **HEATHER MARIE[6] ARCHER** (Roxanne[5] Ceresa Archer, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 August 1982, Park Ridge, Cook County, IL. Heather attended Park View Montessori School 1985-87; graduate Eisenhower Elementary School 1993; MacArthur Junior High School 1993-96; John Hersey High School 1996-2000; attending University of Purdue, Valparaiso, Indiana.

157231 JENNIFER[6] CERESA (Jon[5] Ceresa, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 06 April 1972, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was married 11 November 2000 to JOHN R. BARRON.

157232 LAURA[6] CERESA (Jon[5] Ceresa, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 14 January 1975, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was married 14 December 1996 to DAVID RUTHERFORD

1572321 Wyatt[7] RUTHERFORD b. 31 August 198
1572322 Savannah b. 2000

157233 AMANDA[6] CERESA (Jon[5] Ceresa, Lillian[4] Juhant Ceresa, Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 30 August 1982, Florida.

157311 DANIELLE ELAINE [6] JUHANT (Keith[5] , Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 20 June 1981 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Danielle attended Banner Elementary School, Dunlop, IL; Pioneer Junior High School, where she was a cheerleader one year; Dunlop High School, Dunlop, IL, 2000; attending Illinois Central College. Danielle played high school basketball and football, and received awards for cheerleading. She went to Disney World with the Dunlop High School Marching Band, summer 1999. Danielle was also a member of the Concert Band, playing the cymbals in both bands. She participated in gymnastics 1988-1999, attending in many meets. Danielle likes jet skiing and swimming during the summer months.

157312 MICHELLE ELAINE [6] JUHANT (Keith[5] , Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 03 June 1986 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Michelle attended Banner Elementary School, Dunlop, IL; Pioneer Junior High School, where she was on the Pom Pom Squad and a member of the basketball team for two years; Dunlop High School, Dunlop, IL, class of 2004. Michelle is very active in sports, playing basketball and baseball. She likes jet skiing an swimming during the summer months. Michelle is an avid lover of animals. Her best friend is her dog, Minnie, which she loves with a passion. She also loves the Internet, sending E-mail to many friends and relatives.

157331 PATRICK CHRISTOPHER [6] REILLY (Jeanine[5] Juhant, Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 27 November 1986 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Attended Franciscan Learning Center pre-school and kindergarten; Coal City Elementary School; Coal City Middle School; attending Coal City Intermediate School 2000-2001, a member of the first graduating class of that school. Patrick plays the coronet in the Coal City Marching Band and Jazz Band; he especially enjoys marching and playing in holiday parades. He races go-carts as a sport in Norway, Illinois and at other professional tracks.

157332 HAILEY KATELYN [6] REILLY (Jeanine[5] Juhant, Joseph [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 16 March 1995 Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Attended Franciscan Learning Center pre-school, entering kindergarten fall 2000.

Hailey attends Midwest Dance Academy for ballet and tap for the past three years. She likes to dance and sing and makes up her own songs and dances. She likes riding her bike and swimming; also rides on mini bike with her Dad.

157411 **KRISTY MARIE [6] JUHANT** (Brian[5], Herman[4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 12 March 1978, Joliet, Will County, Illinois.

1574111 **Patrick Michael[7] KINCAID**	b. 04 May 1997
1574112 **John Edward[7] LANGDON Jr.**	b. 14 March 2002

157412 **BRIAN WILLIAM [6] JUHANT Jr.** (Brian[5], Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 24 June 1980, Joliet, Will County, Illinois

157421 **KEVIN JOHN [6] JUHANT Jr.** (Kevin[5], Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 21 September, 2000, Joliet, Will County, Illinois

157431 **MATTHEW SCOTT [6] GILLILAND** (Kimberly[5] Juhant, Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 05 December 1990, Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois.

157432 **BRITTANY NICOLE [6] GILLILAND** (Kimberly[5] Juhant, Herman [4], Anna[3] Oberstar Juhant, Aloyzia[2] Birsa, Anton[1]) was born 18 May 1995, Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois.

John T. and Susan Lea[5] Tessiatore Hearne Family

John and Susan Hearne and children, Joshua and Beth

Cousins
Sixth Generation Descendants of Anton Birsa

B. Robert[5] Tessiatore, Susan[5] Tessiatore Hearne (children of Leona[4] Kerkos Tessiatore), **Sandra[5] Makovec Odom** (daughter of Louise[4] Kerkos Makovec), **Dinah[5] Baldwin Oberlin** (daugther of Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin)

B. Robert[5] Tessiatore Family

Bob and Mary
Children: David, Elizabeth, Dominic

Sandra[5] Makovec Odom
Douglas Odom
Married August 14, 1976

Sandra[5] Makovec Odom
With her grandmother, Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos on her Wedding Day, August 14, 1976

Sandra[5] Makovec Odom Family
Doug, Sandra and "CJ", Christmas 2000

Cydney Jean [6] Odom , about 1989
Daughter of Sandra Makovec Odom

Memories of My Childhood and Recollections of the Birsa and Oberstar Family

Submitted by Leona[4] Kerkos Tessiatore

Daughter of Frances [3] Oberstar Kerkos
Granddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

Anton and Louise Oberstar lived in Joliet on Cora Street, just off Ruby Street (I believe it was the 2nd house on the West Side of the street). I believe all of the children (possibly with exception of the two youngest - Josephine and Thomas) were born there. They attended S. Joseph's School in Joliet. I recall my mother, Frances, telling stories about their sledding down the hill on Ruby Street.

Anton moved the family to Rockdale and he ran a tavern on Moen Avenue. All of his elder girls worked at the tavern and all met their husbands there. He then went to work for Schundler's, and he elevated himself to manager. He also was Mayor of Rockdale for several terms, was on the Rockdale school board, and ultimately, President of the board.

Grandma, sorry to say, never learned to speak English very well, and I did not really get to know her. But she dearly loved her youngest son and was very saddened by his lingering illness and early death. They said she had no desire to live after his death, and she, too, died soon thereafter.

Most all of the Oberstar girls settled in Rockdale. Aunt Mary and Uncle Frank Okoren lived in the western-most part, and had pigs and chickens and a big garden. Frank was a plumber, and was the first to have an indoor toilet. Angela and her husband, Joe, lived in Ogelsby and once a year we visited and spent an over-night on the floor. Grandpa was the first to have a car in Rockdale, and everyone came to gawk at it. It was a big, open touring car with eisen-glass window flaps. He later owned a model "T"Ford.

The other Birsas were all settled on the East side of Rockdale and owned several businesses in Rockdale - delivering our coal. The younger Ben Birsa (whose family was the exception) lived in the middle of Rockdale (and had the bigger home compared to his brothers and sisters) and owned the grocery store on Moen Avenue, where we traded. His only competitor in Rockdale was Petrusa's grocery. I remember the elder Birsa sitting on his porch on Meadow Avenue. I always waved, but I don't think he knew me. We had oodles of cousins on Grandpa Oberstar's side, and hardly knew the Birsa clan, with the exception of Ben's boys, who were always over to Anna Oberstar Juhant's house, as they lived across the alley from my cousins George and Lilliian Juhant.

Grandpa Oberstar

As remembered by Joseph E.[4] Juhant,

Son of Joseph [3] Juhant
Grandson of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar and Anton Oberstar

Grandpa Oberstar lived at 1045 Moen Avenue in Rockdale; it was the last house on the N.E. corner; caddie-corner was the brickyard and across "Progressive Ave" (now Larkin) was corn-fields.

The kitchen and bath and hall was the original Rockdale "Police Station" which he had moved from Otis & Midland Avenues – to that he had built a small 3 bedroom home and 3-car garage.

He built the home on the "Alley Lane". He always said that someday "Progress" would connect to Joliet and would be a busy street so – he would have room to build a "service station" on the corner (that corner is a "rat race" now!).

I was either 5 or 6 years old and in the garage he always had two or three Model T's; in front of the T's there was a wooden boardwalk to the coal bin. I remember sitting on the walk and "pounding nails" in (1) front tire! He caught me and called me a "chicken shit".

He played the harmonica (which I have) and the "Jews Harp"; also had a commercial tri-pod camera with glass plate negatives (I have 2 boxes of glass plates). He became Mayor (1917), two terms and had a 2-story brick Village Hall-Police-fire Station built; also had a tavern on Moen Avenue for several years.

Memories of Grandma Juhant (Anna Oberstar)

Submitted by Georgia[5] Juhant Lenzen

Daughter of George W. [4] Juhant
GreatGranddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

She sat with her clean apron covering her housedress. A box of colorful calicoes sat in her lap. She showed me stacks of sole shaped fabrics. Grandma's hands were always busy. In her free time she cut fabric scraps to make scruffies (slippers) or lap robes for veteran hospitals. She was an active member of the Daughters of Foreign Wars.

Memories of My Grandma Louise Oberstar

Submitted by Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin

Daughter of Frances [3] Oberstar Kerkos
Granddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

We lived in Chicago, IL when I was about four. It was summer, and my mom left me with Grama, Grampa, and Aunt Josephine at their home in Rockdale for a week's vacation, around 1926.
The two vivid memories I have of this time were:
*Sitting on Grama's lap, the sun was shining on us through the window, and I was playing with her long reddish-brown, thick braid. I remember no conversation because she spoke no English. We were sitting in Grampa's walnut recliner that had black leather seat back and footrest. This is my only memory of her except that she would hug and kiss me, she seemed very loving.
*My other memory was of Aunt Jo, (Josephine Oberstar Paul), who was a teenager. She asked me what I wanted to eat, and shoed me the food in the cupboard in the kitchen. It was filled with canned goods. I saw a can that had a picture of a plate with green stuff around the edges and a fried egg in the center, and I pointed to it. Jo asked me if I was sure that that was what I wanted and I said, "Yes". (I wanted the egg). She took out the can and opened it and it was full of spinach! She made me eat it since I chose it!!

My final memory of Grandma Oberstar:
Soon after we (Leona, Louise and Carolyn Kerkos) lived in an apartment in Chicago. It was evening, we were getting ready for bed. Since we didn't have a phone, the neighbor came to say there was a phone call for Mom (Frances Oberstar Kerkos). Mom told us to lock ourselves in and not to open the door for anyone until we heard her voice again. Soon, we heard a voice at the door, but we didn't recognize it, so we wouldn't open the door. Finally, we realized it was Mom, her voice was different because she was crying, the call had been to tell her that her mother, Louise Birsa Oberstar had died.

Memories of My Grandpa Anton Oberstar

Submitted by Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin

Daughter of Frances [3] Oberstar Kerkos
Granddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

My early recollection is that Grandpa had the first car in Rockdale, but he was not a mechanic. So, if something went wrong with a car, he would put it up on blocks in his yard and buy a new one. This was 1930 to 1933. This was the depression, and our family (Anton Kerkos and Frances Oberstar Kerkos and the three girls) moved in with Grandpa and Tom Oberstar, his adopted son.

I remember that each of us three girls would select a car and play house in it while Grandpa was at work. My favorite was the one with the three pedals and a door only on the rider's side. We had to clean them up and be out before he got home from work!

Grandpa also was very wise with herbal doctoring. Neighbors would come and ask for certain salves for certain ailments, and he would mix a remedy. When we kids would get a sore throat, he would cook seven or eight whole onions, skin and all, in water until it turned dark brown. Then he would pour off the liquid and make us drink. It worked, but it was horrible!

*Another memory: Grandpa was a gentleman, he didn't swear but he was blunt. If the kids got on his nerves, he would call them a "chickenshit".

*Story from Frances Oberstar Kerkos from her childhood:

Grandpa Oberstar owned a bicycle, one with the large wheel in the front. He rode it to work and back, and when he came home for supper he'd park it by the trellis. When the Oberstar family was gathered for supper, Mom (Frances), who was the tomboy of the family, would say she didn't feel good and go up to her room. Then, she would climb out the window, down the trellis, get the bike and ride up and down in the alley until she figured supper would be over. Then she would climb back up the trellis! Several times, the bike tires would pick up nails from the alley, and Grandpa would be so unhappy but he couldn't figure out where he picked up the nails. Only Mom (Frances) knew!! She didn't dare tell him!

Family Memory

Submitted by Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin

Daughter of Frances [3] Oberstar Kerkos
Granddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

My mother, Frances Rosella Oberstar Kerkos (October 25, 1896 – December 13, 1985) married Anton Jan Kerkos, 1915. This isn't really my memory, but my mother told me this story long after I had grown up, and it is one that begs to be shared. It took place the evening before her wedding to Anton Jan Kerkos, my dad. The priest had told the couple to see him at the rectory for their pre-wedding counseling, at Saint Joseph's Church in Joliet, Illinois. Mother was early, so she thought she'd go into the church and say a few prayers. It took longer than she had expected, and when she decided to go out and meet her "Tony", she got to the great doors and found them locked! Back then, at six p.m. the doors to the church were locked for the night, and Mother was locked in. She didn't know what to do, so she went to the sacristy, doors were locked, and the windows were too high, and she was short – no chairs to climb onto. She ran back to the front doors, noticed a crack and she put her eye to the crack, saw Tony pacing back and forth across the street, obviously waiting for his tardy to-be-wife to show up. Mother told me she put her lips to the crack, and called as loudly as she could, but he didn't hear her. Well, she knew she couldn't stay there all night, so she than climbed the steps to the choir loft. There were no windows there, just the organ, chairs, and a rope to the bell in the tower above. She thought if she just tugged that rope a bit, once, it would attract Tony, and she could run downstairs and call to him to get someone to let her out. Of course, the little tug did nothing – so – once more? Again, nothing! Well, it was her only option, so she did it again, a few more time . . . and . . . finally . . . the bell rang once . . . soon, again . . . and again . . . and soon it was TOLLING! And it didn't stop, but kept on tolling! Mother told me that in those olden days, when the bell tolled, it did so because someone had died, then all the parishioners within hearing would come to the church, to find out who had died. Even the priest came, as he was puzzled, too. It was he who usually had the grim job of tolling the bell!! When he unlocked the great doors, there was scared little Frances. And right behind the priest was her Auntie Ursich (Amalija Birsa Ursich), who lived kitty-corner from the church. Mother said she was very embarrassed, especially since her mother's sister had to witness her horrible blooper, and the priest just looked at her and told her he thought she had had enough stress for one night, canceled the counseling session, and sent her home!

This is a most precious memory to me. This sort of thing should never happen to anyone, but it did happen to my Mother.

Memories of Louise (Alouizy) Oberstar Kline

Submitted by Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin

Daughter of Frances [3] Oberstar Kerkos
Granddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

She had died December 19, 1926, when I was four and a half. The waking was held in Aunt Louise's household in Rockdale, Illinois. The casket was placed kitty-corner in a bedroom. Before visitation hours, I remember slipping into the room, behind the ferns that were at the head of the casket. The adults were in a heated argument, my grandmother, Louise Birsa Oberstar, John Kline, my mother, Frances Oberstar Kerkos, and my aunt Marguerite Oberstar Lee. Grandma Oberstar was holding a pair of white leather slippers and speaking at length in Slovenian. My Mom and aunt translated for John Kline and he agreed. Then I saw my grandmother life up the skirt of my dead aunt, take off her black patent leather shoes, and replace them with the white ones. Then she carefully slid the patent leather ones into the casket, too, and rearranged Aunt Louise's long skirt.

Years later I told my mother (Frances Kerkos) this memory, and she told me I was right. Grandma Oberstar was arguing that Louise should be buried with two pairs of shoes because she never had any decent shoes in her lifetime.

Louise Oberstar Kline's daughter, Charlotte Kline was born June 18, 1922. She had around five children, some were named Frances, Annie, Carolyn, and there were some boys. Charlotte died around 1992-1994. Shortly after the family of Anton Kerkos and Frances Oberstar Kerkos moved in with Grandpa Oberstar during the depression, Charlotte Kline moved in too. She had been raised by her Grandma Kline and her father up till then. For the next eight to ten years, she was raised by Frances Oberstar Kerkos, then she returned to her father.

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Mary[3] Oberstar and Frank Okoren
Daughter of Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar and Anton Oberstar
[Mary was born 25 August 1893]

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Frank Okoren
1886-1949
Husband of Mary[3] Oberstar Okoren

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Frank Okoren

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Angela Oberstar and Joseph Cenkar

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Angela Oberstar Cenkar
With her four children:

Margaret	**William**	**Albena**	**Joseph**
(May 1920)	(Oct. 1924)	(Feb. 1923)	(Nov. 1921)

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Angela Oberstar Cenkar
With her aunt
Amalija Birsa Ursich

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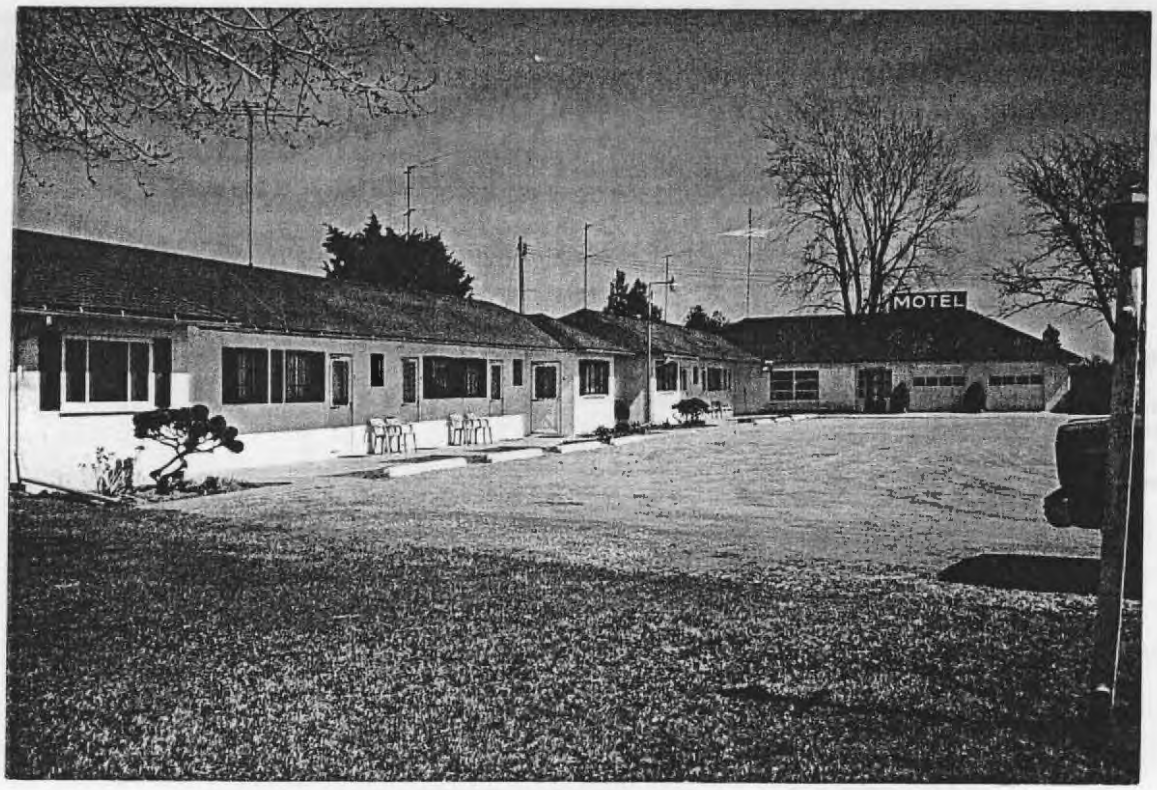

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Name:	Cenkar, Josef
Ethnicity:	Austrian, Slovenian
Place of Residence:	Littai, Austria
Date of Arrival:	5 Oct 1913
Age on Arrival:	18y
Gender:	M
Marital Status:	S
Ship of Travel:	Kaiser Franz Joseph I.
Port of Departure:	Triest, Austria, Austria-Hungary

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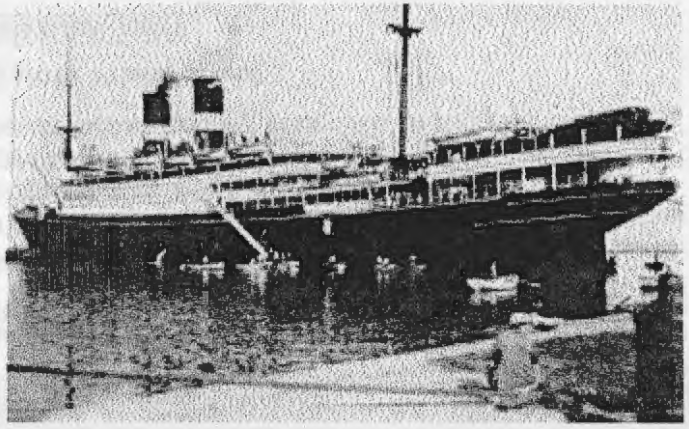

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Built by Cantieri Navali Triestino, Monfalcone, Italy, 1912. 12,567 gross tons; 500 (bp) feet long; 60 feet wide. Steam quadruple expansion engines, twin screw. Service speed 18 knots. 1,905 passengers (125 first class, 550 second class, 1,230 third class).

Built for Austro-Americana Line, Austrian flag, in 1912 and named **Kaiser Franz Josef I.** Trieste-South America and later Trieste-New York service. Laid up at Trieste 1914-19. Sold to Cosulich Line, Italian flag, in 1919 and renamed **Presidente Wilson.** Mediterranean-New York service. Transferred to Adriatica Line, Italian flag, in 1930 and renamed **Gange.** Trieste-Far East service. Transferred to Adriatica Line, Italian flag, in 1936 and renamed **Marco Polo.** Venice-Alexandria service. Laid up 1940-43. Seized by the Germans, in 1943. Sunk by the Germans as a block-ship at La Spezia on May 12, 1944. Refloated in 1949; scrapped in 1950. [446]

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Kaiser Franz Josef I

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Manifest for Kaiser Franz Josef I
Sailing from Trieste

Name	Gender	Age	Married	Ethnicity	Place of Residence
0001. Mlakar, Aloisia	F	32y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Taversnik, Austria
0002. Mlakar, Maria	F	6y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Taversnik, Austria
0003. Mlakar, Fany	F	4y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Taversnik, Austria
0004. Mlakar, Franz	M	2y 6m	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Taversnik, Austria
0005. Mlakar, Aloisia	F	10m	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Taversnik, Austria

0006. Piok, Mathaus	M	38y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Hotsolje, Austria
0007. Kocjan, Anton	M	42y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Littai, Austria
0008. Savsek, Franciska	F	17y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Zagov, Austria
0009. Cankar, Joan	M	24y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Beoka, Austria
0010. Oblak, Stefan	M	29y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Beoka, Austria
0011. Cenkar, Josef	M	18y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Littai, Austria
0012. Irensek, Mihael	M	23y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Kol, Austria
0013. Vidmar, Johann	M	18y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Gottsche, Austria
0014. Zajec, Yinko	M	28y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Gottsche, Austria
0015. Pajek, Anton	M	23y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Laibach, Austria
0016. Cesark, Franz	M	23y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Reifuitz, Austria
0017. Andoljsek, Franz	M	39y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Reifuitz, Austria
0018. Kuhelj, Johann	M	34y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Laudstrass, Austria
0019. Kuhar, Mihael	M	40y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Dol, Austria
0020. Pszdir, Franz	M	18y	S	Austrian, Sloven	Rudnik, Austria
0021. Maichin, Gertrudi	F	18y	S	Austrian, German	Gottsche, Austria
0022. Lampeter, Maria	F	16y	M	Austrian, German	Gottsche, Austria
0023. Erker, Leni	F	18y	S	Austrian, German	Riez, Austria
0024. Schresj, Maria	F	18y	S	Austrian, German	Gottsche, Austria
0025. Janke, Johanna	F	16y	S	Austrian, German	Gottsche, Austria
0026. Wittens, Josefa	F	17y	S	Austrian, Sloven	Gottsche, Austria

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ALL ALIENS, in

S. S. T. S/S KAISER FRANZ JOSEPH I. sailing from ...

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No. on List.	HEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS.						HEAD TAX DEPOSITS.			NAME IN FULL		Age.		Sex.	Married or Single.	Calling or Occupation.	A
	U. S. Citizen.	Diplomat.	Tourist.	Resident of Canada.	Resident of Cuba.	Resident of Mexico.	Special Inquiry.	In Transit.	Claims to be U. S. Citizen.	Family Name.	Given Name.	Yrs.	Mos.				Ret
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1										Makar	Alexia	32		f	m	laundress	
2										Makar	Maria	6		f	s	child	
3										Makar	Fany	4		f	s	child	
4										Makar	Franz	2	1/2	m	s	child	
5										Makar	Alexia		10	f	s	child	
6										Sivk	Mathias	38		m	m	farmer	
7										Kozjan	Andon	42		m	m	farmer	
8										Sabsek	Franciska	17		f	s	laborer	
9										Caikar	Josip	24		m	s	farmer	
10										Oblak	Stefan	29		m	m	farmer	
11									*	Cenkar	Josef	18		m	s	farmer	

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in whatsoever class they travel, MUST be fully listed and the master or commanding officer of each vessel carrying such passengers

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Able to—		Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	†Race or People	Last Permanent Residence.		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.
Read.	Write.			Country.	City or Town.	
Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Zavercnik	Cousin: Anna Preston Austria-Zavercnik
No	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Zavercnik	Parent: Anna Preston
No	No	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Zavercnik	Austria-Zavercnik
No	No	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Zavercnik	
Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Hodolje	wife: Mary Pjok Austria-Hodolje
Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Sitich	wife: Anna Kuplan Austria-Sitich
Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Lagor	father: Josef Sobak Austria-Lagor
Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Jezke	father: Martin Chuchar Austria-Jezke
Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Jezke	wife: Mary Obak Austria-Jezke
11* Yes	Yes	Austrian	Slovenian	Austria	Litti	brother: John Chuchar Austria-Litti

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2	Ill	Joliet	Yes	mother	12	no	no	no		no	no	
3	Ill	Joliet	Yes	mother		no	no	no	accompanied by the	no	no	
4	Ill	Joliet	Yes	mother		no	no	no	Mother	no	no	
5	Ill	Joliet	Yes	mother		no	no	no		no	no	
6	Pa	Pittsburg	Yes	self	25	Yes	1902	Pittsburg Pa	stepbrother: Gordon Klein 1926 Penn Ave Pittsburg Pa	no	no	
7	Pa	Pittsburg	Yes	self	25	Yes	1903	Pittsburg Pa	brother in law: Geo Horn 1926 Penn Ave Pittsburg Pa	no	no	
8	Pa	Pittsburg	Yes	self	25	no	no	no	brother in law: Alex Jurkovic 1926 Penn Ave Pittsburg Pa	no	no	
9	N.Y.	Little Falls	Yes	self	25	Yes	1908	Little Falls	friend: Frank Colak Little Falls New York	no	no	
10	N.Y.	Little Falls	Yes	self	25	no	no	no	brother in law: Frank Colak Little Falls New York	no	no	
11	Ill	Oglesby	Yes	self	25	no	no	no	Box 417 Oglesby Ill	no	no	
12	O.	Cleveland	Yes	self	25	no	no	no	parents: Harold Mercer 1826 Cleveland O	no	no	

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Frances Oberstar Kerkos

Frances3 Oberstar Kerkos

Anton Jan Kerkos

Married 1915

Sisters
Louise[4] Kerkos (left)
Leona[4] Kerkos (right)

Saint Michael's on 23rd Street
Chicago Illinois

Mother and Daughters
Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos (left)
with daughters (from left)
Carolyn, Louise, Leona

Sisters (from left)

Louise[4] Kerkos Makovec
Leona[4] Kerkos Tessiatore
Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin

Christmas 1996

Leona[4] Kerkos

Born December 27, 1916

Josephine[3] Oberstar Paul
Married Alexander Paul
1935, Detroit, Michigan

Leona[4] Kerkos
Bernard Tessiatore

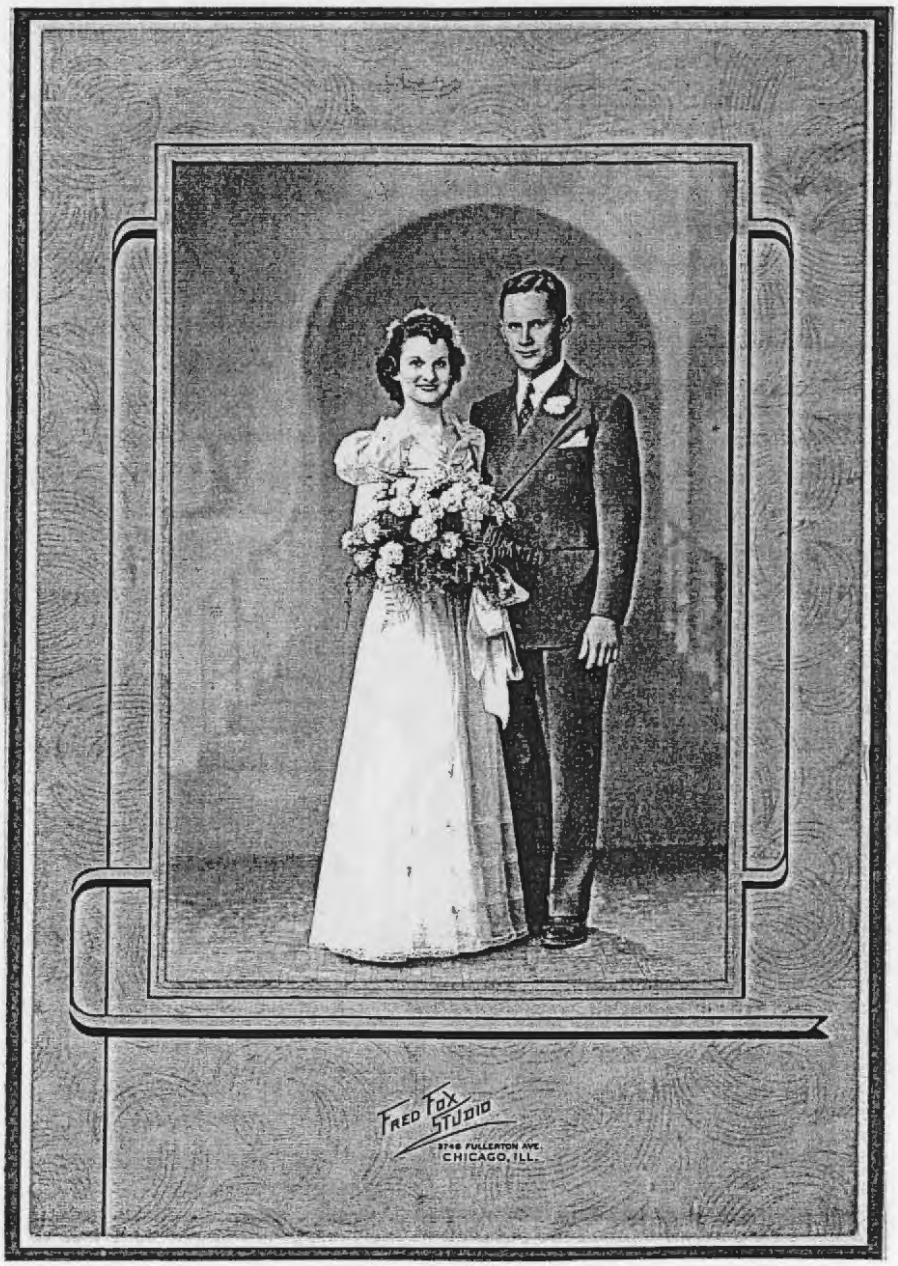
Married May 15, 1948

Louise[4] Kerkos

Graduation

Joliet Township High School

May 1937



Louise[4] Kerkos

Joseph Makovec

Attending a wedding in 1940

Louise[4] Kerkos

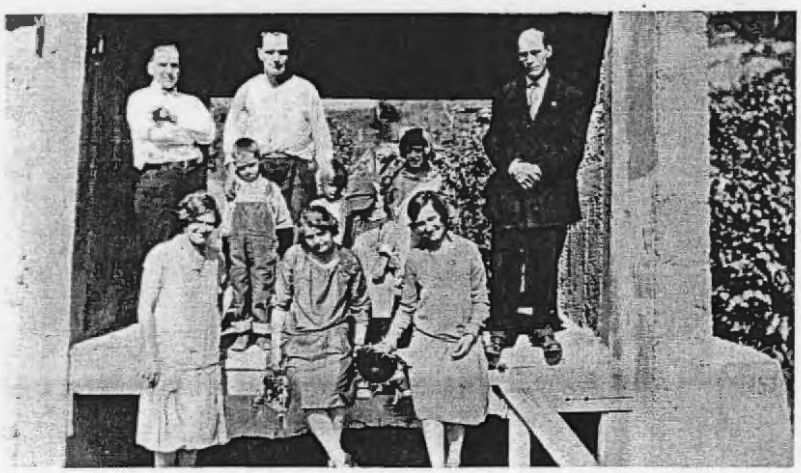
Joseph Makovec

25th Wedding Anniversary

October 12, 1942 – October 12, 1967

Each year on Labor Day, Amalija[2] Birsa Ursich and her family traveled to Ogelsby, Illinois to visit her niece, Angela[3] Oberstar Cenkar

Labor Day 1928, Ogelsby, Illinois
Back: Michael Setina, Angela[3] Ursich Setina, ?,? Michael Ursich
Center: Angela[3] Oberstar Cenkar, Aloyzia[2] Birsa Oberstar, Amalija[2] Birsa Ursich, Mary[3] Ursich (looking back), Anton Oberstar (holding dog), Joseph Cenkar
Children in Front: William[4] Cenkar, Beatrice[4] Setina, boy with tie?, Margaret[4] Cenkar, Genevieve[4] Setina, and Dorothy[4] Setina



Labor Day 1928, Ogelsby, Illinois
Back: Michael Setina, Joseph Cenkar, Michael Ursich
Center: William[4] Cenkar, Albena[4] Cenkar, Joseph[4] Cenkar, Margaret[4] Cenkar
Front: Molly[4] Ursich Kostelz, Mary[3] Ursich, Angela[3] Ursich Setina,
– first cousins to Angela[3] Oberstar Cenkar, mother of the children

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Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos with her daughters in 1926:
Carolyn, age 4, Leona, age 9, Louise, age 7

At this time, they lived at 2330 West 23rd Street, Chicago, Illinois

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1930: Frances & Anton Kerkos renew wedding vows at Saint Bede's Academy

Left to Right: **Louise Kerkos Makovec, Frances Oberstar Kerkos, Anton Kerkos, Carolyn Kerkos Baldwin**

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Sisters:
Frances Oberstar Kerkos born @1896
Mary Oberstar Okoren Skraba born @ 1894

Cousins:
Frances Oberstar Kerkos
Mary Oberstar Okoren/Skraba
Angela Ursich Setina
photo taken at the home of Angela Ursich Setina, 1961

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Louise Oberstar

Angela Oberstar

Part V
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Daughter of

Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Anna Oberstar,
Born about 1900

Anna Oberstar and Joseph Juhant
Wedding Photo

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Anna B. Oberstar Juhant
Born 09 December 1899

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Standing: Mary Oberster Okoren and Frank Okoren

Seated: Anna Oberstar Juhant and Joseph Juhant

Married 1916

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Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar Family
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Joseph Juhant and Anna Oberstar Juhant
Lillian George

Circa 1919

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Ethnicity:	Austrian, Slovenian
Place of Residence:	Usti, Austria
Date of Arrival:	14 Aug 1912
Age on Arrival:	18y
Gender:	M
Marital Status:	S
Ship of Travel:	Martha Washington
Port of Departure:	Triest, Austria, Austria-Hungary

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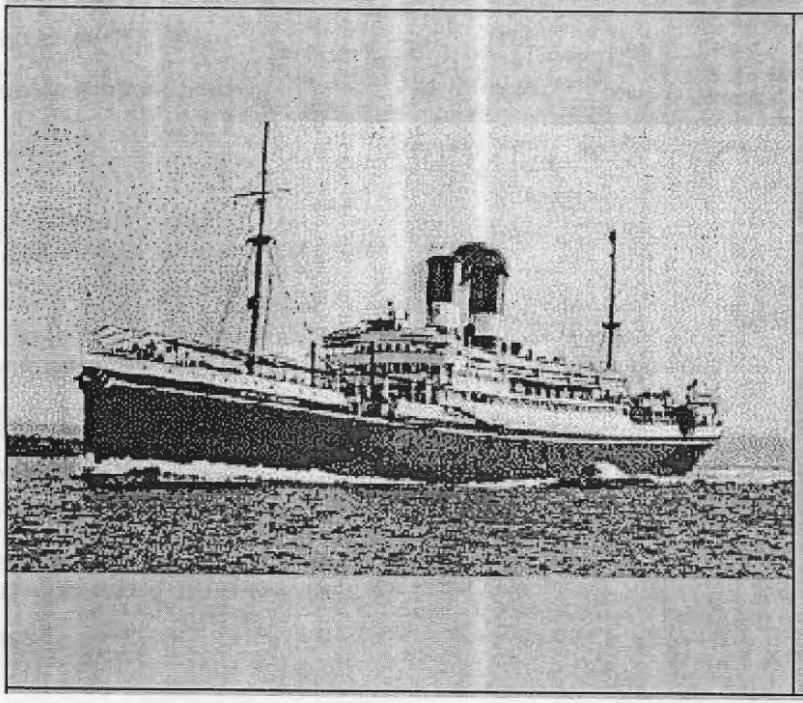

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Built for Austro-Americana Line, Austrian flag, in 1908 and renamed **Martha Washington**. Trieste-New York service. Laid up at New York 1914-17 owing to World War I. Seized by US Government, in 1917 and renamed **USS Martha Washington**. Troopship service. Sold to Cosulich Line, Italian flag, in 1922. Mediterranean-New York and Italy-South America service. Sold to Lloyd Triestino, Italian flag, in 1933 and renamed **Tel Avi**. Burned and scrapped in 1934. [544]

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Sailing from Trieste

Name	Gender	Age	Married	Ethnicity	Place of Residence
0001. Govekar, Michael	M	43y	M	Austrian, Slovenian	Dobracev, Austria
0002. Juhant, Josef	M	18y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Usti, Austria
0003. Motz, Josef	M	37y	M	Slovenian, Slovenain	Odessia, Austria
0004. Prijately, Franz	M	23y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Gross Polland, Austria
0005. Ambrozic, Alois	M	24y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Gross Polland, Austria
0006. Richtar, Franza	F	19	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Studa, Austria
0007. Stebe, Johann	M	18y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Salloch, Austria
0008. Zalokar, Franz	M	27y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Vransko, Austria

0009. Grom, Franz	M	27y	S	Slovenian	Ab. Loitsch
0010. Grom, Franz	M	2y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Ab. Loitsch
0011. Rupnik, Johann	M	18y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Ab. Loitsch
0012. Trsar, Johann	M	25y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Ab. Loitsch
0013. Ferderber, Jakob	M	13y	S	Austrian, Slovenian	Zamost, Austria
0014. Matanic, Srko	M	19y	S	Austrian, Croatian	Pisino, Austria
0015. Ozegovic, Danus	F	25y	M	Austrian-Dalmatian	Skradin, Austria
0016. Ozegovic, Petar	M	3y	S	Austrian-Dalmatian	Skradin, Austria
0017. Ozegovic, Danica	F	1y4m	S	Austrian-Dalmatian	Skradin, Austria
0018. Puo, Vinko	M	26y	S	Austrian - Slovenian	Zulog, Austria
0019. Mraovic, Petar	M	36y	M	Austrian - Croatian	Bovic, Austria
0020. Mraovic, Mile	M	18y	S	Austrian - Croatian	Bovic, Austria
0021. Gavec, Mirko	M	26y	S	Austrian - Croatian	Rachina, Austria
0022. Mraovic, Bimo	M	19y	M	Austrian - Servian	Kosarzo, Austria
0023. Kasovac, Teodor	M	25y	M	Austrian - Servian	Eticnervica, Austria
0024. Faslya, Dedic	M	31y	M	Austrian-Bosnian	Bosnolori, Austria
0025. Irbic, Jona	M	44y	M	Austria - Bosnian	Bosnolovi, Austria
0026. Gyevic, Mile	M	26y	S	Austria - Bosnian	Gorevac, Austria
0027. Varijen, Anton	M	26y	M	Austria - Servian	Lowic, Bosnia
0028. Varijen, Andrey	M	35y	M	Austrian - Slovenian	Varjeni, Austria
0029. Puo, Vinko	M	18y	S	Austrian - Slovenian	Taloke, Austria
0030. Rusic, Franz	M	18y	S	Austrian - Slovenian	Taloke, Austria

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S. S. T. S. S. "MARTHA WASHINGTON" sailing from

1	2		3	4	5	6	7		8	
No. on List.	NAME IN FULL. Family Name.	Given Name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Sex.	Married or Single.	Calling or Occupation.	Able to— Read.	Write.	Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	†Race
1	Loecker	Michael	43	½	m	m	farmlab	no		Austrian	T-
2	Juhant	Josef	18	2/4	s	s	farmlab	yes		Austrian	Sl

OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

nited States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

Trieste, July 27th, 1912

9	10		11	12	
†Race or People.	*Last Permanent Residence.		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final Destination. *(Intended future permanent residence.)	
	Country.	City or Town.		State.	City or Town.
Slovenian	Austria	Dobraco	Louis Kosmick, Dobraco - Austria	Ill.	Chicago
Slovenian	Austria	Usti	Mathias Andreas Tabernik Usti - Austria	Ill.	Joliet

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essel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

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Whether a Polygamist.	Whether an Anarchist.	Whether coming by reason of any prior conviction, penalty, or crime, or offense involving moral turpitude, or by reason of any admitted fact which constitutes a violation of the laws of the United States.	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.	Deformed or Crippled. Nature, length of time, and cause.	Height. Feet.	Inches.	Complexion.	Color of— Hair.	Eyes.	Marks of Identification.	Place of Birth. Country.	City or Town.
1 no	no	no	good	no	5	11	fair	fair	gray	NONE	Austria	Bohemia
2 no	no	no	good	no	5	5	fair	brown		NONE	Austria	Vott.
3 no	no	no	good	no	5	10	fair	brown		NONE	Austria	Prussia

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Josef Juhant | August 13, 1912 | Trieste | 0002

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Arriving at Port of NEW-YORK

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	No. on List.	Whether having a ticket to such final destination.	By whom was passage paid? (Whether alien paid his own passage, whether paid by any other person, or by any corporation, society, municipality, or government.)	Whether in possession of $50, and if less, how much?	Whether ever before in the United States; and if so, when and where?			Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.	Ever in prison or almshouse, or supported by charity? (Specify which.)	Whether a Polygamist.	Whether an Anarchist.
					Yes or no.	If Yes— Year or period of years.	If Yes— Where?				
361	1	yes	self	25 yes	yes	1911	Cleveland	friend Miss Kenehan 1904 W. St. Chicago Ill.	no	no	no
362	2	yes	self	25 no	no			friend John Pac Rockdale - Joliet Ill	no	no	no
363	3	yes	self.	60 yes	1896 1911		Colorado	friend Pergal Henry 1141 9. 61 St. Cleveland Ohio	no	no	no

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Josephine Oberstar
(born 25 February 1910)
Daughter of
Aloyzia (Louise)[2] Birsa - Anton Oberstar

(This postcard is addressed to "Miss Mollie Ursich, Indianna St, Between the river and Sterns, Joliet, Il" It reads, "Dear cousin – how are you and all the rest do you know this baby? Good by from cousin Frances O."

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Sisters:
Josephine Oberstar **Margaret Oberstar**

Family (standing):
Josephine Oberstar **Margaret Oberstar** **Thomas Oberstar**
seated: **Anton Oberstar** **born about 1919**

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Margaret Oberstar

b. September 17, 1906

Above
Communion
June 1918, age
age 12

Left:
Age 18

Margaret Leona Oberstar
John P. Lee
Married 17 August 1929

50th Wedding Anniversary
celebrated
September 21, 1979

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Memorial of Marriage

I the undersigned, do hereby certify that on the 17 day of August
A. D. 1929 in the church of St Michael 3325 W. 34th Pl. Chicago
I joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony
Mr. John Peter Lee and Mis Margareth Leona Oberstar
according to the rites of the Holy Roman Catholic Church
Rev. Cesar Molinari Pastor
Witness Mr. Tony Kerkel Mrs. Ione Oberstar

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Anton Oberstar
Thomas Oberstar
b. December 17, 1912
grandson
George Juhant, son of
Anna Oberstar Juhant
b. 24 April 1917

Above:
Thomas Oberstar

Left:
Thomas Oberstar
d. 28 August 1927
Tuberculosis of
the spine

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Anton Oberstar with his two sons

Frank Oberstar (born December 3, 1904) and
Thomas Oberstar (born December 17, 1913)

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Thomas[3] Oberstar
Born 17 December 1912
Died 23 August 1927

With parents Anton Oberstar and Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar

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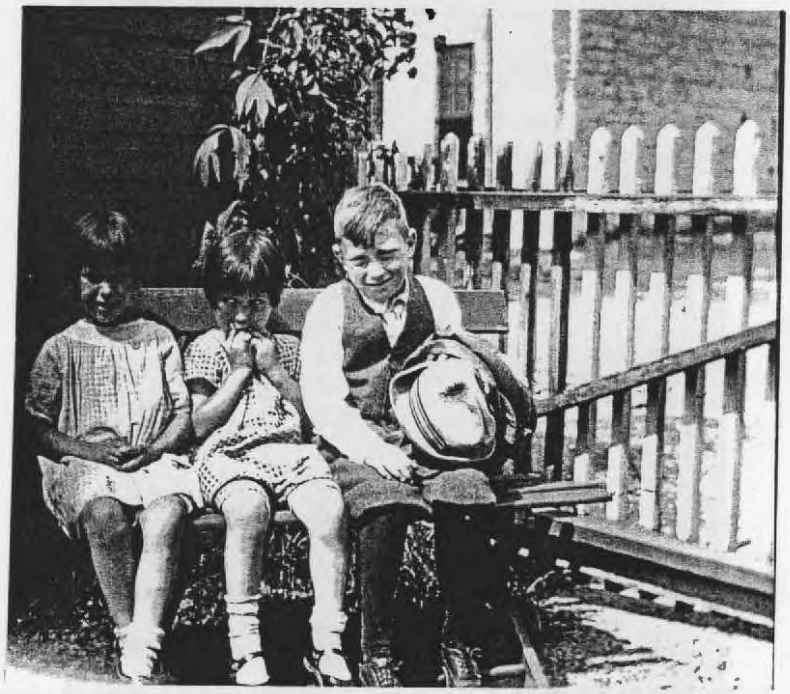

Thomas[4] Kline Oberstar
Grandson of Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar
Born about 1919

With cousins Genevieve[4] Setina (left) and Beatrice[4] Setina (center),
daughters of Angela Ursich Setina,
granddaughters of Amalija Birsa Ursich

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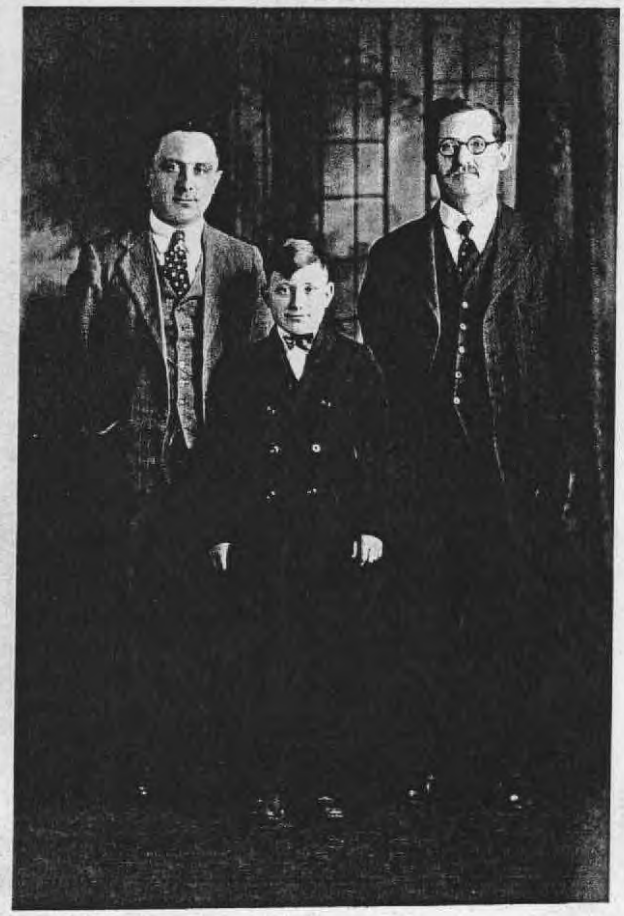

Thomas[4] Kline Oberstar
Born about 1919

Left: First Communion
Right: Confirmation with sponsor, John Kostelz (rt), husband of Molly Ursich, and grandfather & adoptive father, Anton Oberstar

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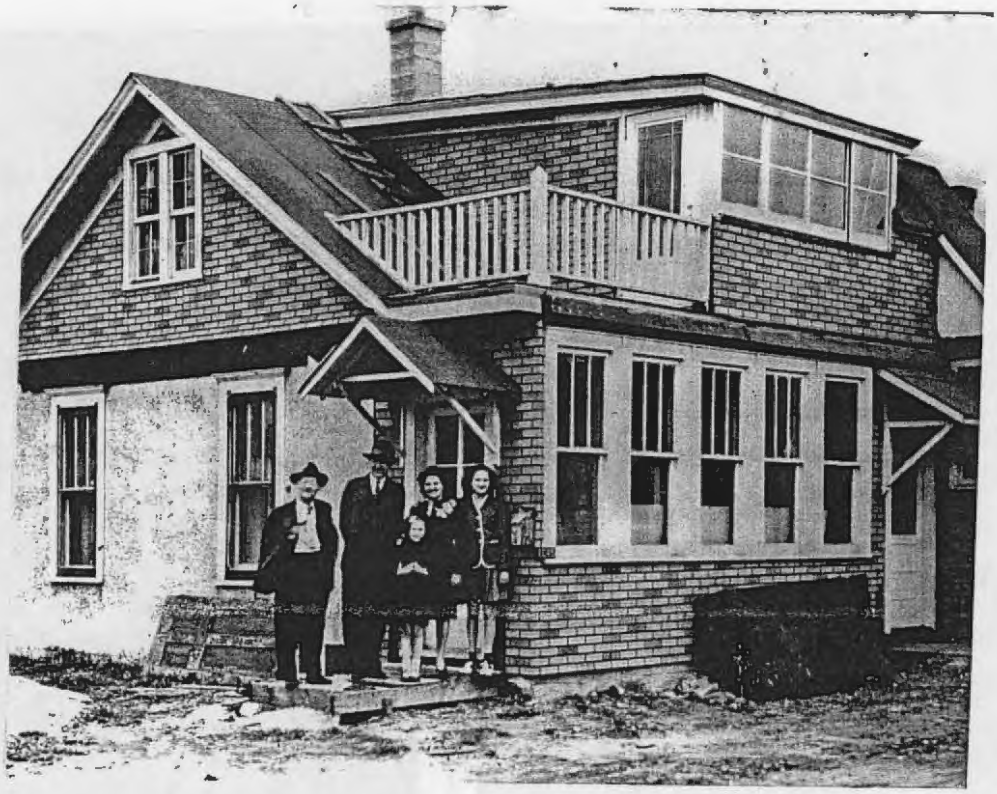

FAMIILY OF MARGARET OBERSTAR LEE

Left to Right:
Anton Oberstar (father), **John Lee** (husband), **Virginia Lee** (daughter), **Margaret Oberstar Lee, Peggy Lee** (daughter)

In front of Anton Oberstar's house on Moen Avenue in Rockdale, Illinois.
The site of Rockdale's first Police Station

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November 5, 1944

Back Row:
Mary C. Juhant, George W. Juhant, Delores Juhant, Joseph Juhant Jr.
Center:
Joseph Juhant Sr., Anna Juhant, Mary Okoren Mussario, Lillian Juhant Ceresa
Children in Front:
Georgia Lea Juhant, Maryanne Mussario, Michelle Ceresa

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Joseph Juhant
(Married Anna Oberstar)

Michael Setina
(Married Angela Ursich)

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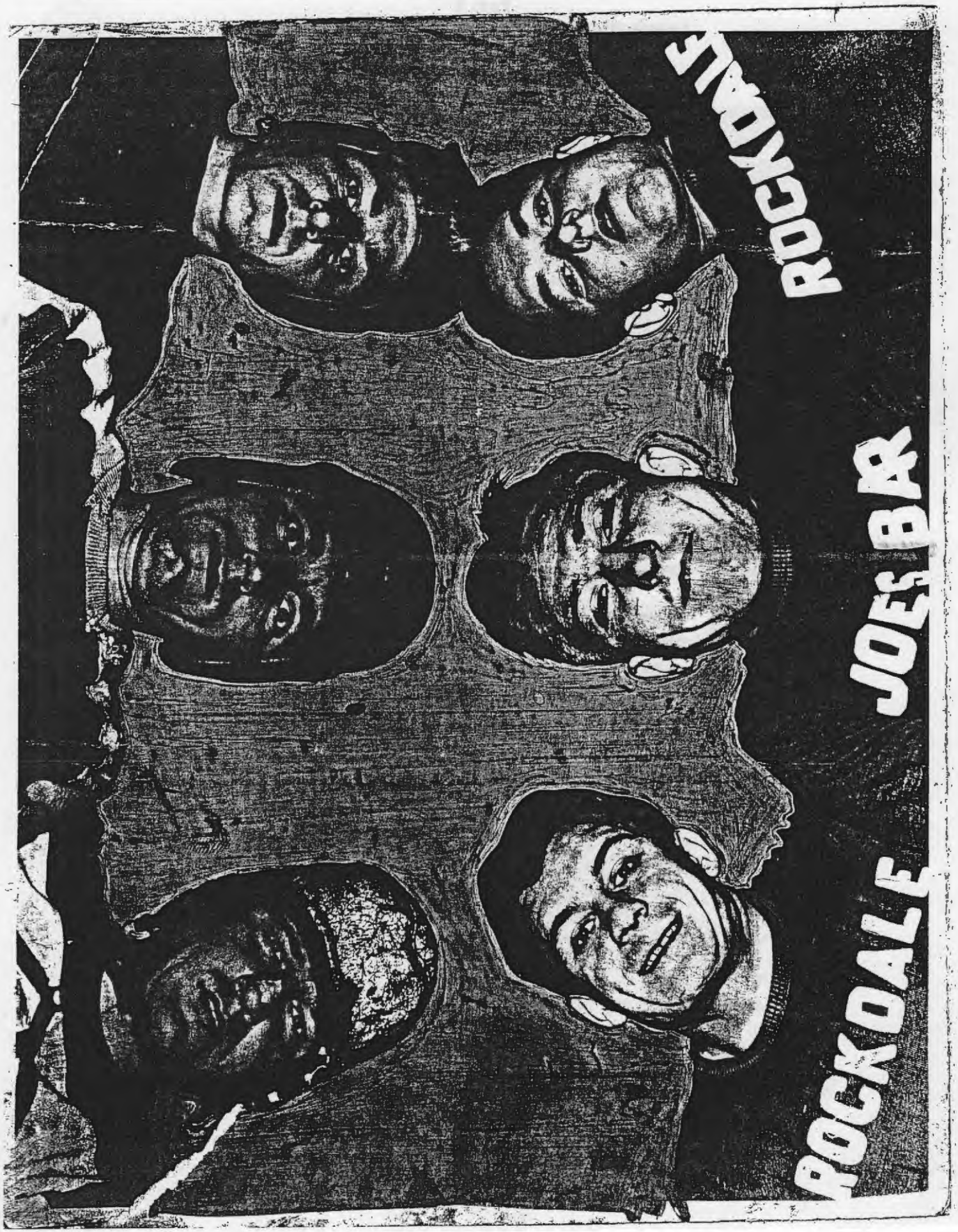
Postcard dated April 15, 5 PM, 1938
Dear Mom,
Landed out here. Short on cash. Send CCC trunk. Also some kerchiefs. Try to come down here if you have to thumb your way down. Just had our shots can't leave for 2 weeks – sorry.
With love, George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Oberstar Sisters

Anna Oberstar Juhant	**Margaret Oberstar Lee**	**Frances Oberstar Kerkos**

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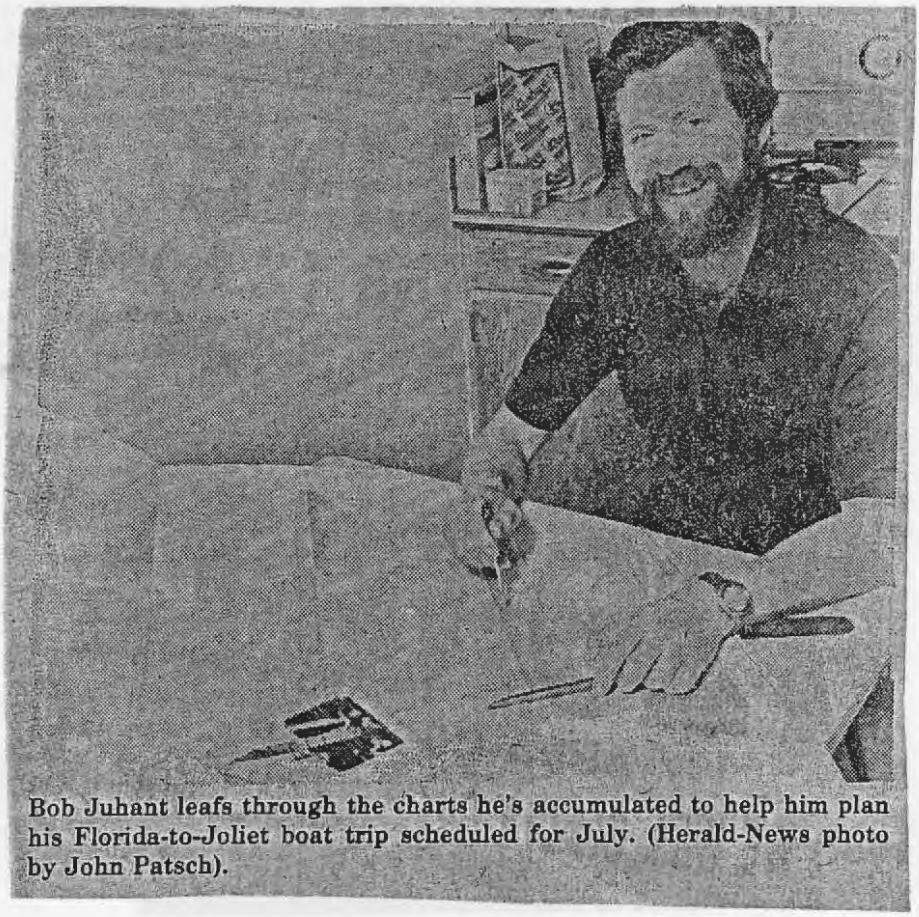

Bob Juhant leafs through the charts he's accumulated to help him plan his Florida-to-Joliet boat trip scheduled for July. (Herald-News photo by John Patsch).

Rockdale

'River rat' plans Huck Finn-like voyage: Florida to Joliet on a motorboat

By John Whiteside
Herald-News Writer

Bob Juhant says a little of the Huckleberry Finn spirit flows through his veins. He's a river rat at heart.

The 40-year-old supermarket meat cutter has been in love with boats and the river since he was a youngster. He bought his first rowboat at age 10 — for $5.

This summer he will make his dream trip. It's a voyage for which the Rockdale man has been preparing all his life. The course is planned on charts covering his kitchen table.

Juhant and the "Sundance," a 17-foot, red-and-white motorboat, will leave July 3 from Boyton Beach, Fla. He'll end the trip at the Joliet Yacht Club.

He will come up the East Coast along bays and rivers, cross Lake Ontario and Lake Huron, come back down Lake Michigan to the Illinois River, and glide into Joliet.

He believes he can make the 3,000-mile trip in four weeks, unless he runs into a lot of bad weather or has severe mechanical problems.

Last summer, he made a 2,000-mile trip from St. Louis to Florida in 15 days. A friend went along then, but he will be alone this time.

Boat trips are nothing new to the veteran sailor.

His first trip, more than 15 years ago, was to the Brandon Road locks. Then, it was 200 miles to Peoria and back. And the trips just kept getting longer and longer.

"The trips just snowballed as time and funds would allow," he said.

But Juhant doesn't push himself so hard that he misses the sights. That's part of the purpose, he said — to see the country.

His boat can make 30 to 35 miles an hour in good weather with smooth water. He plans to leave each morning at 7 and stop by 5 p.m. But he has to average at least 100 miles a day or his vacation will end with "Sundance" going into storage at some strange marina.

"A lot of my friends say I won't make it," he said. "But the ones who are saying I won't are the ones who don't know about boating."

There will be no problems buying fuel along the East Coast, he said, but he doesn't know what to expect once he hits Canada. But then again, he said, that makes the trip more exciting.

He's already working on a tan. He wants to have his skin ready for the hot sun that will beat down on his boat.

"The sunburn isn't something I'm looking forward to," he said.

Juhant has no desire to make a long trip on ocean water. He likes to keep the shore in sight and says he would be bored if there was nothing but water to see.

"I'm a river rat; I like the sights and the people," he said. "And the Mississippi is the best river in the world with the friendliest people. You can't get bored on a river."

He said this will be his last long trip, unless he is able to buy a larger boat. If that happens, he doesn't know what he will do next.

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Carrie Baldwin holds the attention of these kids during a story hour at Carnegie Public Library.

Read to somebody every day

The children's department of Carnegie Public Library will have an armload of new books to share with area children as part of the Angola facility's celebration of Children's Book Week.

Librarians Carrie Baldwin and Mary Johnson are heading the list with an exciting and factual series called "World Disasters." These compelling volumes lead a child through such topics as earthquake, flood, drought, storm, volcano and fire.

Another surefire favorite will likely be Joseph Hincks' "The Rourke Dinosaur Dictionary."

Kids who like that volume will want to check out "After the Dinosaurs" by Shooters. Another volume on the same topic is Elting's "Big Golden Book of Dinosaurs."

For younger children, parents may want to select "Farm Animals," a book from the Little Reader Series about baby farm animals.

"Folktales from Around the World" is part of a series from Steck-Vaughn Literature that is sure to interest young readers.

Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin, daughter of Frances[3] Oberstar Kerkos is featured in the Angola Newspaper @1994

Carolyn, age 78 in 2000, still works as a librarian and storyteller at the Carnegie Public Library

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Article in the Elmhurst Press featuring the family of Jeff Oberlin and Dina[5] Baldwin Oberlin, daughter of Carolyn[4] Kerkos Baldwin and granddaughter of Frances[5] Oberstar Kerkos

Family meets each challenge head-on

By Mary K. Doyle
Correspondent

Dinah Baldwin Oberlin never thought life was going to be easy, but she didn't quite expect the challenges she would face.

As a mother of three boys, ages 8, 6 and 2 ½, the oldest having Down's syndrome, the Elmhurst resident constantly reassesses goals and ambitions for herself and her sons.

"Since the birth of Eric, I have had to change my perspective on life," she said. "I am a big believer in having high expectations for all my boys, but I have to consider each of their limitations. And it's not as important for me to see them become doctors as good citizens with strong values and an acceptance of all people in the world."

The Oberlins were aware from the beginning that their son, Eric, would have difficulties due to his premature birth, but they didn't learn he had Down's syndrome until he was 2 months old.

"We were very fortunate that he was born at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital," said Oberlin. "We were also very glad that we live in DuPage County."

Living in DuPage means the Oberlins have easy access to the Ray Graham Association for People With Disabilities and the National Association for Down's Syndrome.

Between the two organizations, the couple is armed with current research information about the developmental disability, and provided a network of support and early-intervention programs.

"A woman came to our house and told us about her own child [with Down's syndrome]. She showed us pictures and explained that the grief we were experiencing was normal. Ray Graham and NADS helped us get back to the business of raising a baby," said Oberlin.

Ray Graham Association sponsors classes for families with children from birth to 3 years, when the public school system takes over.

The program offers parents of children with disabilities the opportunity to meet one another as well as information on how to practice a physical daily routine with their child.

"They even had a speech therapist show us how Eric should place his mouth on a cup or bottle to strengthen his face muscles for speaking later," Oberlin said.

Eric continues to receive additional guidance from a respite worker supplied by Ray Graham who comes to the home to tutor speech and coordination needed for coloring, cutting, tracing and writing.

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Armed with the information from these classes and a master's degree in education, in addition to the love and determination of a mother, Eric continues to progress daily.

"He is mainstream in gym," said Oberlin, "and I would like him totally mainstreamed by junior high school. My ultimate goal is to see him as an adult living and working in the community."

Oberlin remembers stories her grandmother told of a great-uncle who was institutionalized at the turn of the century because of epilepsy.

Oberlin vows never to have her child's potential repressed as her uncle's was.

She is also eager to answer questions strangers may have when they see Eric on family outings, even at the risk of his being offended by the small percentage of rude and cruel observers.

"I hate to see him hurt by other people when they reject him," she said, "but it's important for us to bring him into the community if we want the public's attitude to change."

Life will always be a series of challenges for the Oberlin family, but they will continue to meet each one head-on.

"They only make what you already have inside stronger," said Oberlin.

Dinah Oberlin of Elmhurst believes it's important that her son Eric, a Down's syndrome child, be a visible part of the community. Sons Ross, 6, Eric, 8, and Alex, 2 ½, love to mix it up with Mom in the kitchen. (Staff photo by Irene Pullia)

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Anton Oberstar, with daughter,
Margaret Oberstar Lee
and grandchildren
Virginia Lee and Peggy Lee
1944

Oberstar sisters, 1958
Josephine Paul – Frances Kerkos –
Margaret Lee, Anna Juhant

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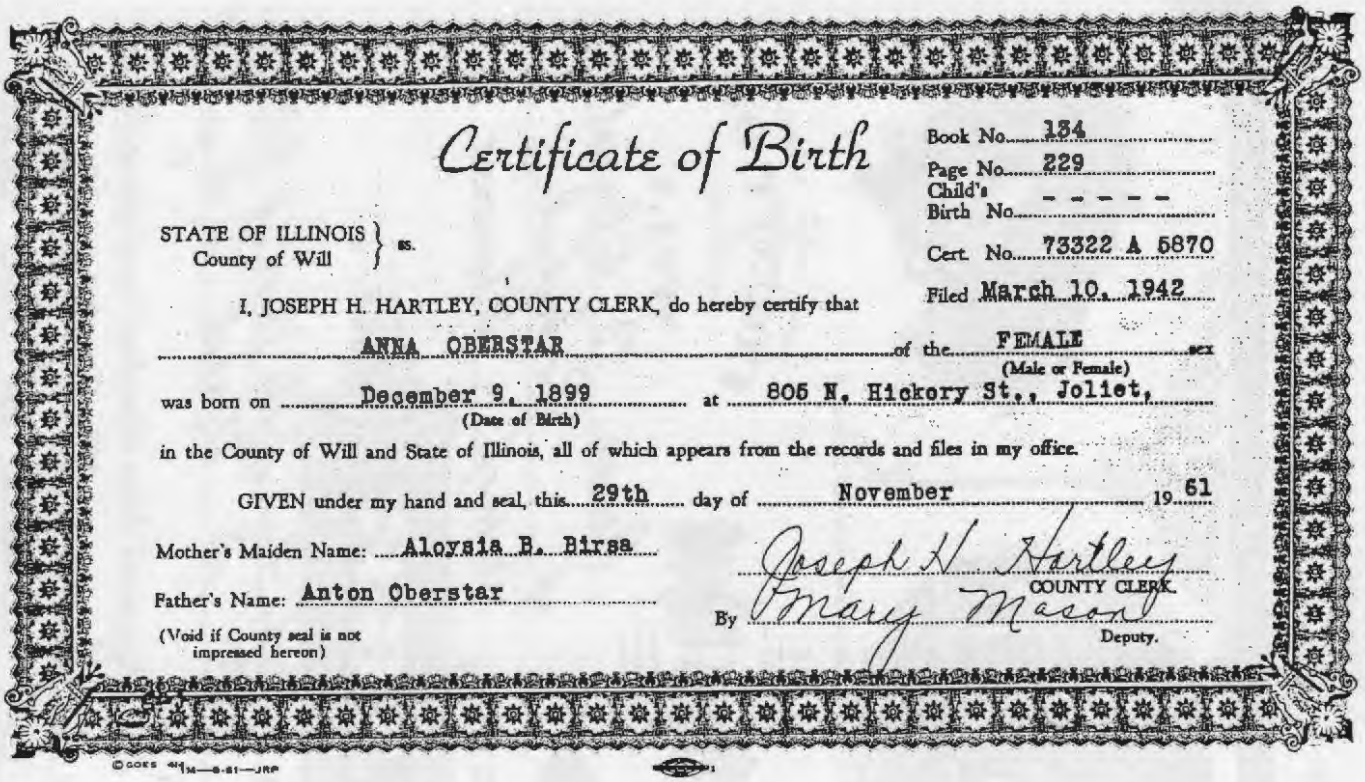
Paul Mussario Family

Paul, grandson of Mary [3] Oberstar Kerkos
Great-grandson Aloyzia[2] Birsa Oberstar

Back: **Tim Mussario, don Houston, Robyn Mussario Houston**
Front: **Paul and Judy Mussario**



Certificate of Birth

Book No. 134
Page No. 229
Child's Birth No. - - - - -
Cert. No. 73322 A 5870
Filed March 10, 1942

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss.
County of Will }

I, JOSEPH H. HARTLEY, COUNTY CLERK, do hereby certify that

ANNA OBERSTAR of the FEMALE sex
(Male or Female)

was born on December 9, 1899 at 805 N. Hickory St., Joliet,
(Date of Birth)

in the County of Will and State of Illinois, all of which appears from the records and files in my office.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this 29th day of November 19 61

Mother's Maiden Name: Aloysia B. Birsa

Father's Name: Anton Oberstar

(Void if County seal is not impressed hereon)

Joseph H. Hartley
COUNTY CLERK.

By Mary Mason
Deputy.

Memories of My Parents

Submitted by Virginia[4] Lee Bucci

Daughter of Margaret [3] Oberstar Lee
Granddaughter of Aloysia[2] Birsa Oberstar

My parents were married in 1929 in Chicago and moved to Dearborn, Michigan, as my father was employed at the ford Motor company. As the depression progressed, jobs were hard to find in Chicago, so both a sister and a niece of my mother's came from Rockdale to live with my parents and pursue employment. My dad's father also came to live with them.

As my father had seniority, he was one of the last group of employees to be laid off. Mom became quite a bread baker and seamstress during that time, out of necessity. With little money and so many people living in their home, for entertainment they decided to make a quilt. The men had the job of cutting the small pieces of fabric, using cardboard templates, and the women would pin and sew. Mom said they shared many enjoyable evenings with that project. I still have that "depression quilt". My mother was always an optimistic, happy person, much like her father. Characteristically, she had many good recollections of life during those early depression years.

Cut this off and give to Parties married.

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COUNTY OF WILL.

This Certifies that

Joseph Juhant.
of Rockdale
State of Illinois

WERE UNITED IN

Anna B. Eberstar
of Rockdale
State of Illinois

MARRIAGE

According to the Ordinance of GOD and the Laws of the State of Illinois
at Joliet in said County on the 30th of March in the year of
our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and sixteen

WITNESS Mr. & Mrs. Frank O'Koren
sister & brother & law

James L. McCulloch
Justice of the Peace.

JOLIET REPUBLICAN PTG. CO. JOLIET, ILL.

Married in St. Joseph's church Sun. 7:30 A.M. July 25th 1916

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 2215

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

☞ Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

State of Illinois } ss:
County of Will }

In the Circuit Court of said Will County

I, Joseph Juhant, aged 23 years, occupation Laborer, do declare on oath that my personal description is: Color white, complexion medium, height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 154 pounds, color of hair brown, color of eyes gray, other visible distinctive marks none

I was born in St. Martins, Carniola, Austria on the 11th day of February, anno Domini 1894; I now reside at Rockdale, Will County, Illinois
(Give number, street, city or town, and State.)

I emigrated to the United States of America from Trieste, Austria on the vessel Martha Washington
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)
; my last foreign residence was St. Martins, Carniola, Austria, My wifes name is Anna, She lives with me.

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Charles, Emperor of Austria & Apostolic King of Hungary, of whom I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of New York, in the State of New York, on or about the 15th day of August, anno Domini 1914; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein: SO HELP ME GOD.

Joseph Juhant
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of Court this 16th day of February, anno Domini 1917

[SEAL.]

Louis W. Piepenbrink
Clerk of the Circuit Court.

By Calvin Z. Nord, Deputy Clerk.

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County of Will

JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60431

SAM H. PAUL

CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

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September 8, 1972

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following information was obtained from the records on file in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Will County relative to the naturalization of:

NAME: JOSEPH JUHANT

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION NO. 1531569

DATE PETITION FINALIZED: June 14, 1921, Circuit Court of Will County, Durrance Dibell, Judge, Paul V. Wunder, Clerk of the Court.

BORN: February 11, 1894, at Mortins, Carniola, Austria

IMMIGRATED: From Austria to New York on August 14, 1912, the vessel Martha Washington

CHILDREN: GEORGE: Born April 24, 1917
LILLIAN: Born February 18, 1919

RESIDENCE: 711 Moen Avenue, Rockdale

The above and foregoing is a true, perfect and complete copy of facts gahtered from Records and Files of this Court, now in my custody.

Sam H. Paul

Sam H. Paul, Circuit Court Clerk

No. 1531569

To be given to the person Naturalized.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Petition, Volume 6, Number 1279.

Description of holder: Age, 27 years; height, 5 feet, 6 inches; color, white; complexion, medium; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, brown; visible distinguishing marks, - none -

Name, age, and place of residence of wife Anna Juhant, age 22 years, residing at 711 Moen Av. Rockdale, Ills.

Names, ages, and places of residence of minor children George, age 4 years, and Lillian, age 2 years, both residing at Rockdale, Illinois.

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State of Illinois, County of Will. } S.S.

Joseph Juhant
(Signature of holder.)

Be it remembered, that Joseph Juhant 711 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, ~~Kent~~, who previous to ~~his~~ naturalization was a ~~citizen~~ subject of Austria, having applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America pursuant to law, and at a regular term of the Circuit Court of said Will County, held at Joliet, Illinois, on the 14th day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the court having found that the petitioner had resided continuously within the United States for at least five years, and in this State for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the filing of ~~his~~ petition, and that said petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the law in relation thereto, and that he was entitled to be so admitted, it was thereupon ordered by the said court that he be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of said court is hereunto affixed on the 14th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and of our Independence the one hundred and forty-fifth.

Paul G. Kinder
Clerk Circuit Court
(Official character of attestor.)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE FILE NUMBER

CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DECEDENT'S BIRTH NO.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 99.0

REGISTERED NUMBER

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. STATE: ILLINOIS
b. COUNTY: Will
c. [X] INSIDE corporate limits and in City, Village, or Incorporated Town: Joliet
d. [ ] OUTSIDE corporate limits and in Township name..... Road District No.....
e. LENGTH OF STAY: 27 Days 4 weeks
f. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION: St. Joseph Hospital
g. LENGTH OF STAY IN II
h. If not in hospital or institution, give Street & No. or R.F.D. and Post Office

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission.)
a. STATE: Illinois
b. COUNTY: Will
c. [X] INSIDE corporate limits and in City, Village, or Incorporated Town: Rockdale
d. [ ] OUTSIDE corporate limits and in Township name..... Road District No.....
e. LENGTH of RESIDENCE AT 2c or 2d: 52 Years
f. RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street & No. or R.F.D. and Post Office): 711 Moen Ave. Rockdale, Ill.
g. Did decedent reside ON A FARM? YES [ ] NO [X]

3. NAME OF DECEASED: a. (FIRST) JOSEPH b. (MIDDLE) c. (LAST) JUHANT Sr.

4. DATE OF DEATH: (MONTH) November (DAY) 26, (YEAR) 1965

5. SEX: Male
6. RACE: White
7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (specify): Married
8. DATE OF BIRTH: Feb.11, 1894
9. AGE (in years last birthday): 71 — if under 1 year MONTHS DAYS — if under 24 hrs. HOURS MIN.

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION: Galvanizer
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: Steel Industry
11. BIRTHPLACE (City and state or, foreign country): Austria
12. Citizen of what country? USA

13. FATHER'S FULL NAME: ANDREW JUHANT
14. MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME: Not known ANDREW Kathrine

15. Was deceased ever in U. S. Armed Forces? (Yes, no, or unknown): No
(Give war or dates of service): --
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 327-09-1253

17. INFORMANT
a. SIGNATURE: Anna Juhant
b. ADDRESS: 711 Moen Ave Rockdale, Ill.
c. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED: Wife

18. MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY. [Enter only one cause per line for (A), (B) and (C).]

		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A)	Ruptured illeum and small bowel and hemorrhage, massive	27 days
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to the above IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), stating the UNDERLYING cause last. — due to (B)		
due to (C)		

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(A): Contusions

20. AUTOPSY? YES [ ] NO [X]

19a. DATE OF OPERATION
19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION

21a. ACCIDENT [X] SUICIDE [ ] UNDETERMINED [ ] HOMICIDE [ ]
21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.): Street
21c. INJURED AT (CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR LOCATION) (COUNTY) (STATE): Rockdale Will Ill.
21d. TIME OF INJURY (HOUR) 2:30 A.M. [X] (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR) 10.31.65
21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK [ ] NOT WHILE AT WORK [X]
21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? Suspect subject was struck by a hit and run auto.

22a. Upon medical investigation I find this death was caused as stated above.
DATE: SIGNED: M. D. CORONER'S PHYSICIAN.

22b. Upon official investigation I find the person described died as stated above.
DATE: 1/21/66 SIGNED: Willard J. Blair COUNTY CORONER.

23. DISPOSITION: BURIAL-REMOVAL-CREMATION Date 11/30/65
CEMETERY Resurrection
LOCATION Romeoville, Illinois

24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR TEZAK FUNERAL HOME
SIGNATURE
ADDRESS 457 Indiana Ave. Joliet, Ill. Illinois License No 5823

25. Received for filing on Jan. 21, 1966 (Signed) Herbert S. Miller, M.D. LOCAL REGISTRAR

VS 202—BUREAU OF STATISTICS—ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

1964 revision based on the U. S. Standard Certificate of Death.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the death record for the decedent named at item 3, and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes.

DATE Jan. 21, 1966 SIGNED Herbert S. Miller, M.D.

AT Joliet, Illinois Illinois. OFFICIAL TITLE Registrar

The original record of this death is permanently filed with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH at Springfield. County clerks and local registrars are authorized to make certifications from copies of the original record. The Illinois statutes provide that the certification of a death record by the Department of Public Health or the local registrar or the county clerk shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein stated.

XEROX COPY OF STATISTICS — ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH — SPRINGFIELD

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the death record for the decedent named at item 1, and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Vital Records Act.

DATE JUL 20 1976 SIGNED James C. Baringer

AT Joliet, Illinois, Illinois OFFICIAL TITLE Registrar

The original record of this death is permanently filed with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH at Springfield. County clerks and local registrars are authorized to make certifications from copies of the original record. The Illinois statutes provide that the certification of a death record by the Department of Public Health, local registrar or county clerk shall be prima facie evidence in all court and places of the facts therein stated.

VR-201B (1968) (25M 4/71r) OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS - ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - SPRINGFIELD 62706

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 99.0

REGISTERED NUMBER

STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE FILE NUMBER

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. DECEASED—NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): ANNA JUHANT
2. SEX: FEMALE
3. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): JULY 18, 1976
4. RACE (WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY)): WHITE
5a. AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YRS.): 76
5b. UNDER 1 YEAR: MOS. / DAYS
5c. UNDER 1 DAY: HOURS / MIN.
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 12-9-1899
7a. PLACE OF DEATH: COUNTY: WILL
7b. CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER: JOLIET, ILL.
7c. INSIDE CITY (YES/NO): YES
7d. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER): ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL
8. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY): JOLIET
9. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY: USA
10. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY): WIDOWED
11. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (MAIDEN NAME, IF WIFE):
12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 327-09-1253D
12. ~~12-12-1899~~
13a. USUAL OCCUPATION: HOUSE WIFE
13b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: OWEN HOME
13c. U.S. WAR VETERAN (YES/NO): NO
13d. WAR OR DATES OF SERVICE:
14a. RESIDENCE—STATE: ILLINOIS
14b. COUNTY: WILL
14c. CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NO.: ROCKDALE
14d. INSIDE CITY (YES/NO): YES
14e. STREET AND NUMBER: 711 MONE AVE.
15. FATHER—NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): ANTON OBERSTAR
16. MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): LOUISE[illegible] BIRSA
17a. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE: Robert W. Juhant
17b. RELATIONSHIP: SON
17c. MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NO. OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP): 711 MONE AVE. ROCKDALE ILL.

18. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))

PART I.

		APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a)	Inter-cranial hemorrhage.	9 days
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: (b)	Hypertension essential.	
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: (c)		

CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST.

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a): None

19a. AUTOPSY (YES/NO): NO

19b. IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH:

20a. DATE OF OPERATION, IF ANY:

20b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION:

21a. I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 6-23-67

21b. TO (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 7-17-76

21c. AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 7-17-76

21d. HOUR OF DEATH: 1 35 A M.

I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THIS DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE, AT THE TIME AND PLACE, AND FROM THE CAUSE(S) STATED

NOTE: IF AN INJURY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS DEATH, THE CORONER MUST BE NOTIFIED.

22a. SIGNATURE: [signature]

22b. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 7/19/76

22c. ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER: 28115

23. MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER (STREET AND NUMBER OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP): 1165 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, Ill. 60435

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY): BURIAL

24b. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME: RESURRECTION

24c. LOCATION (CITY OR TOWN, STATE): ROMEOVILL ILL.

24d. DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 7-21-76

25a. FUNERAL HOME NAME (STREET AND NUMBER OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP): TEZAK FUNERAL HOME 459. N. OTTAWA ST. JOLIET, ILLINOIS

25b. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: [signature]

25c. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER: 7536

26a. LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE: James C. Baringer

26b. DATE REC'D. BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): July 20, 1976

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Lee County Circuit Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT OF FIFTEENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS

LEE COUNTY, IN PROBATE

Estate of

FRANK OBERSTAR

Incompetent

No. 79-P- 52
[Docket]
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LETTERS OF OFFICE — CONSERVATOR OF PERSON

George W. Juhant has been appointed conservator of the person of Frank Oberstar, an incompetent, and is authorized to have under the direction of the court the custody of the ward and to do all acts required of him by law.

Witness, March 13, 19 79

Myron J. Olson
Clerk of court

By Agnes E. Butler, Deputy

[Seal of court]

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DWIGHT H. GREEN, Governor
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH — County of Will; Joliet (*Township, *Road Dist., *Village, *City); *(Cancel the three terms not applicable—Do not enter "R. R.," "R. F. D.," or other P. O. address.)
Registration Dist. No. 1029
Primary Dist. No. 3726
Street and Number 105 Cora Street

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH MARGARET OBERSTAR

3. Sex	4. Twin, Triplet, or other? (To be answered only in the event of plural births)	5. Number in order of birth	6. Legitimate?	7. Date of birth (Month) (Day) (Year)
Female			yes	Sept. 21, 1906

FATHER	MOTHER
8. Full Name: Anton Oberstar	14. Full Maiden Name: Aloysia B. Birsa
9. Residence at time of this birth: 105 Cora St.	15. Residence at time of this birth: 105 Cora St.
10. Color: White	16. Color: White
11. Age at time of this birth: 36 yrs.	17. Age at time of this birth: 38 yrs.
12. Birthplace (City or Place) (Name State, if in U. S.) (Name Country, if Foreign): Austria	18. Birthplace (City or Place) (Name State, if in U. S.) (Name Country, if Foreign): Austria
13. Occupation (Nature of Industry): Wire Mill	19. Occupation (Nature of Industry): Housewife

20. (a) Number of children born to this mother at the time of and including this birth: 9
(b) Number of children living at the time of and including this birth: 7

21. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was the Attendant at this Birth. This space only for signature of Physician / Midwife
Signed
Address
Date (Month) (Day) (Year)

IF SIGNATURE OF BIRTH ATTENDANT IS OBTAINABLE, AN AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED.

STATE OF Illinois
County of Will } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I had actual knowledge of the facts as stated in this RECORD OF BIRTH at the time the birth occurred, and know them to be true; and that I am related to this person as Father

Signature Anton Oberstar
Present Address 1045 Moen Ave. Rockdale, Ill.

Subscribed to, and sworn before me this 2nd day of March, 19 42

Joseph H. Hartley Notary Public

SEAL

My commission expires May 4, 1943

22. Filed Mar. 3, 19 42 ARTHUR R. BLACKBURN Registrar
Anna Ulrich, Deputy
Post Office Address

CERTIFIED COPY OF A RECORD OF BIRTH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the record of birth of MARGARET OBERSTAR as made from the original certificate of such birth now on file in this office in accordance with the law requiring reports of births, stillbirths and deaths in Illinois.

Signed Arthur R. Blackburn
Official title City Clerk
Address Joliet, Illinois
Date March 3, 19 42

Form V. S. No. 30

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Certificate

of

Birth and Baptism

St. Joseph's Church

Joliet, Ill.

This is to certify

That Margaret Oberstar

Child of Anton Oberstar

and Aloysia b. Birsa

born on the 21st day of September 1906

was Baptized

on the 17th day of October 1906

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

the Sponsors being { Micheal Ursich
Amelia Ursich

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Joliet, Ill., May 24th 1929

Rev. John Lewnik

Rector.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DECEDENT'S BIRTH NO. | REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 52.0 | REGISTERED NUMBER | STATE FILE NUMBER

Type or Print in PERMANENT INK See Funeral Directors', Hospital, or Physicians' Handbook for INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED

1. DECEASED – NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): Frank Oberstar
2. SEX: Male
3. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): November 19, 1980
4a. RACE – (WHITE, BLACK, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC.) (SPECIFY): White
4b. ORIGIN OR DESCENT: American
5a. AGE – LAST BIRTHDAY (YRS): 76
5b. UNDER 1 YEAR – MOS.: 5c. UNDER 1 DAY – HOURS / MIN.:
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MO., DAY, YEAR): DEC. 9, 1904 ~~Dec. 9, 1980~~
7a. COUNTY OF DEATH: Lee
7b. CITY, TWP., OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER: Dixon
7c. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION – NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER): Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital
7d. IF HOSP., OR INST., INDICATE DOA, OP/EMER., RM, INPATIENT (SPECIFY): Inpatient
8. STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A. NAME COUNTRY): Illinois
9. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY: U.S.A.
10. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY): Never Married
11. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (MAIDEN NAME, IF WIFE): ----------
12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 355-52-1569
13a. USUAL OCCUPATION: Never Employed
13b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: None
13c. U.S. WAR VETERAN (YES/NO): No
13d. WAR OR DATES OF SERVICE: ---------
14a. RESIDENCE STREET AND NUMBER: 2600 North Brinton Ave.
14b. CITY, TOWN, TWP., OR ROAD DISTRICT NO.: Dixon
14c. INSIDE CITY (YES/NO): Yes
14d. COUNTY: Lee
14e. STATE: Illinois

PARENTS

15. FATHER – NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): Antone Oberstar
16. MOTHER – MAIDEN NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST): Eloysia Birsa

17a. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE: ▶ Richard Tezak by Michael J. Baker
17b. RELATIONSHIP: Funeral Director
17c. MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NO. OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP): 459 North Ottawa Ave. Joliet, Il 60432

CAUSE

18. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c).)

PART I. CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST.

		APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
1	(a) Pneumonia, aspiration	Days
2	DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF	
3	(b) Organic heart disease	Years
	DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF	
	(c)	

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a).

19a. AUTOPSY (YES/NO): No
19b. IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH:

20a. DATE OF OPERATION, IF ANY:
20b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION:

CERTIFIER

21a. I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): July '79
21b. TO (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): NOV 19, 80
21c. AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): NOV 19 80
21d. HOUR OF DEATH: 2:26 P M.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, DEATH OCCURRED AT THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.

22a. SIGNATURE ▶ Bakkiam Subbiah BAKKIAM SUBBIAH
22b. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): NOV 20, 80
22c. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (TYPE OR PRINT): BAKKIAM SUBBIAH 403 EAST FIRST STREET DIXON ILLINOIS
22d. ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER: 003-036-0049109-2
23. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (TYPE OR PRINT):

NOTE: IF AN INJURY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS DEATH THE CORONER MUST BE NOTIFIED.

DISPOSITION

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY): Burial
24b. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY – NAME: St. Joseph Cemetery
24c. LOCATION – CITY OR TOWN: Joliet – STATE: Illinois
24d. DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): Nov. 21, 1980

FUNERAL HOME – NAME, STREET AND NUMBER OR R.F.D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP:
25a. Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa Ave. Joliet, Illinois 60432

25b. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: ▶ Michael J. Baker Agent
25c. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER: 8617

26a. LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE: ▶ John E. Stouffer By Phyllis I. Egler Deputy
26b. DATE REC'D. BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): November 21 1980

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VR 200 (REV. 1/78) Illinois Department of Public Health – Office of Vital Records (BASED ON 1978 U.S. STANDARD CERTIFICATE)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS. I, JOHN E. STOUFFER, COUNTY CLERK OF
COUNTY OF LEE) LEE COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE COPY AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE,
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF LEE COUNTY AT DIXON, IN SAID
COUNTY AND STATE, THIS 21st DAY OF November 1980.

COUNTY CLERK John E Stouffer

BY Phyllis I. Egler
DEPUTY

May 4, 1992

Anyone who knew George knew he was a man of many hats, including his pink hat from Las Vegas. There is:

George the husband
George the father
George the grandfather
George the fisherman
George the gardener
George the card player, and
George the friend.

George the husband provided abundantly for his wife of 50 years, Mary, my sister.

George the Father -- He loved his two daughters dearly -- Georgia and Susie. He beamed with pride when he spoke of them and their accomplishments. He was proud also of his two sons-in-law, Richard and Lee.

George the Grandfather -- Oh, the joy and pleasure these four youngsters brought him -- Larry, Richie, Joel, and Aby, and finally her husband, Tim.

George the Fisherman -- In his younger days George was an avid fisherman. He taught his children and grandchildren to fish in the lakes and rivers in the area.

George the Gardener -- Nobody ever left without a bag of fresh vegetables. That included family, friends, mailman and the paper lady. He was a very generous man.

George the Cardplayer -- George was very serious about his card game. He looked forward to his Saturday afternoon poker games as much as his many trips to Las Vegas.

George the Friend -- George had an abundance of friends of all ages and occupations. Although George enjoyed a good argument, it ended as quickly as it started. He never held a grudge.

I would like to conclude with an article written by a seminary professor: When someone passes away, perhaps the last day of their life -- and I'm sure this was true of George -- George and God just took a walk. As God walked George through Heaven and showed him the Beauty and the Glory of everything He had in store for him. And as the day wore on as they got tired and perhaps sat down to rest, God put his arm around George's shoulder and very softly said to him -- George, you are closer to my house than you are to your own, why don't you come in and stay with me -- and he did.

It is with that peace that we say, in as much as it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our brother, George, we therefore commit his body to the elements -- earth to earth,

Receipt for Special Assessment. In City of Joliet.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } SS.
WILL COUNTY,

No. 510 ~~510~~ *Joliet, Ill.,* JUN 30 1916 *191*

RECEIVED OF Anton Oberstar

Nineteen and 62/100 _____ *DOLLARS,*

in full for the following Special Assessment Taxes on the following Real Estate, in the City of Joliet, in said County, levied by authority of the City of Joliet.

WARRANT NO	INSTALLMENT NO	DESCRIPTION	SUB LOT	LOT	BLOCK	AMOUNT
		Ambrose Dotys Subdn. Pt S ½	S ½		Sec 4,	
		E. E. Ross Subdn. Lot 15.				
654	1	S 16 ft.		5		4 01
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A C Jeffrey
COUNTY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO COLLECTOR

Total,	18.76
Interest,	38
Costs,	48
Grand Total,	19.62

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Parish Cemetery Easement

JOLIET, ILLINOIS

This Easement, Made this 21st day of December 1925, WITNESSETH, That this parish organized under the laws of the Roman Catholic Church and the State of Illinois, does hereby in the name of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet, as Trustee, the Grantor, in consideration of the sum of Twenty dollars dollars ($ 20,00), in hand paid, grant and assure unto the Grantee, an easement and license for burial purpose with a guarantee of Annual or Income Care in and to: Anna Juhant (Anton Oberstar)

Grave(s) 8 Lot 108 Block Clement Section

in the aforesaid parish cemetery.

This grant is given and the Grantee shall hold it subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1. All rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, and all rules and regulations of the aforesaid Diocese now or hereafter existing in respect of the government of the aforesaid Cemetery as construed by the Grantor, shall be kept and observed.

2. This grant shall not be assigned or transferred except to the Grantor.

3. The Grantor and those reasonably entitled thereto, shall have a perpetual right over said lot to pass to and from other lots to which no other means of access is available.

4. No interment shall be made of any person not a member of the Grantee's family, without the prior consent of the Grantor.

5. The landscape plans of the Grantor for the aforesaid Cemetery in respect of the location and varieties of trees and shrubs planted or to be planted shall be adhered to, which plans, among other things, provide that (1) no trees or shrubs shall be planted by the Grantee on lots of less than the designated area, (2) only plants approved by the Grantor shall be planted and then only in approved planting spaces and under the supervision of the management of the Cemetery, and (3) the Grantor shall have the right to remove any trees, shrubs, or plants which, in the opinion of the Grantor, violate any such plans, obstruct any adjacent lot, walk or road, or, in the judgment of the Grantor, are injurious to the general appearance of the Cemetery.

6. The approval of the management of the cemetery, shall be obtained before any memorial is placed on the lot. Only such memorials as are permitted by the rules and regulations of the Cemetery shall be erected. The burden of keeping any such memorials in a safe and proper state of repair shall be on the Grantee, his heirs or assigns.

7. Workmen engaged in setting or maintaining monuments or mausoleums must obtain permission from the management of the Cemetery before commencing work, and they shall be subject to its control. All other services about the lot requiring labor shall be performed by employees of the Cemetery.

8. In the event of a breach by the Grantee, his heirs or assigns of any of the above-mentioned conditions or limitations, the easement and license herein contained shall revert to the Grantor, preserving however, all prescription of State law in this regard, and it may re-enter and repossess itself of the lot and said easement and license and hold the same as of the Grantor's former estate and the same as if said easement and license had not been made. No waiver of any such breach shall revoke or impair any of the rights of the Grantor herein contained for any subsequent breach, nor operate as a waiver except as to such particular breach.

In Witness Whereof, the Grantor has caused these presents to be signed by its duly authorized agent this day of December 21, , A.D. 1925.

Seal No.

Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet as Trustee.

SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH CEMETERY

By _____

Pastor

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IN MEMORY OF

ANTON OBERSTAR
Died December 30, 1945

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"Let perpetual light shine upon him."

May he rest in peace. Amen

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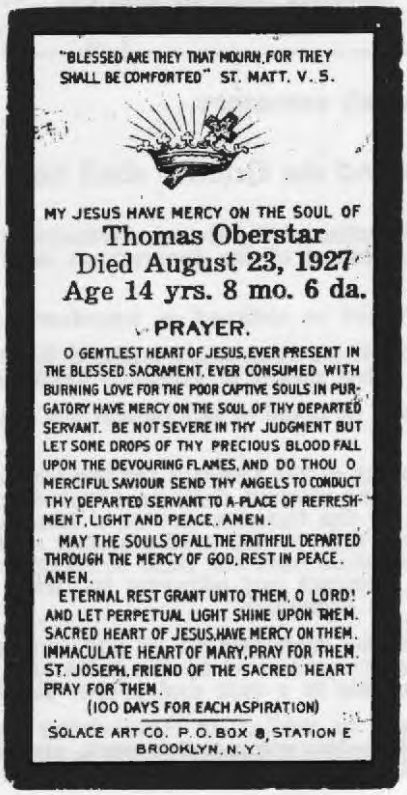
"BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED" ST. MATT. V. 5.
MY JESUS HAVE MERCY ON THE SOUL OF
Thomas Oberstar
Died August 23, 1927
Age 14 yrs. 8 mo. 6 da.
PRAYER.
O GENTLEST HEART OF JESUS, EVER PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, EVER CONSUMED WITH BURNING LOVE FOR THE POOR CAPTIVE SOULS IN PURGATORY HAVE MERCY ON THE SOUL OF THY DEPARTED SERVANT. BE NOT SEVERE IN THY JUDGMENT BUT LET SOME DROPS OF THY PRECIOUS BLOOD FALL UPON THE DEVOURING FLAMES, AND DO THOU O MERCIFUL SAVIOUR SEND THY ANGELS TO CONDUCT THY DEPARTED SERVANT TO A PLACE OF REFRESHMENT, LIGHT AND PEACE. AMEN.
MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON THEM. IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, PRAY FOR THEM. ST. JOSEPH, FRIEND OF THE SACRED HEART PRAY FOR THEM.
(100 DAYS FOR EACH ASPIRATION)
SOLACE ART CO. P.O. BOX 8, STATION E BROOKLYN, N.Y.

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In Loving Memory of

MARY SKRABA

AUGUST 25,1893
JANUARY 19, 1987

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TEZAK FUNERAL HOME

BERO, ANGELA

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50 years ago

■ **SEPT. 5, 1940** — Wendell L. Wilkie, Republican candidate for president, will speak in Joliet on Sept. 14 at the Union Station at 9:50 a.m.

■ A playschool for children in the Rockdale public school area will be opened Sept. 9, according to Anton Oberstar president of the school board. Since Rockdale will not have a kindergarten class this year, the age group for the play school has been set at 4-6.

■ Defeating the Maryanovich Grocers in a 4-0 shutout, behind the three-hit pitching of Tony Caveretto, the Al's Bar softball team won the championship of the second annual Lockport WPA Kittenball League last night. It was Caveretto's 14th straight league win with no defeats.

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KERKOS, FRANCES
nee OBERSTAR

Age 89. Friday, December 13, 1985. St. Margaret Hospital, Hammond, IN. Dear mother of Leona Mrs. Bernard Tessiatore of Lockport, Louise Mrs. Joseph Makovec of Lansing, IL, and Carolyn Mrs. James Baldwin of Angola, IN; loving grandmother of John (Susan) Baldwin, Robert Baldwin, Sandra Mrs. Douglas Odom, Susan Mrs. John Hearne, Dinah Mrs. Jeff Oberlin and Robert (Mary) Tessiatore; great grandmother of Jeb and Jason Baldwin, Cammie, Jim, and Sabrina Baldwin, Cydney Odom, Beth and Joshua Hearne, Eric and Ross Oberlin, and Dominic Tessiatore; four sisters, Mrs. Mary (Okoren) Skraba, Mrs. Angela Bero, Mrs. Margaret Lee, and Mrs. Josephine Paul, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Joliet, life long resident of Joliet-Rockdale area. Preceded by her husband Anton Kerkos (1961). Attended St. Joseph School, Joliet. Member of the Altar and Rosary Society St. Joseph Church, Rockdale. Retired from the American Can Company. Daughter of the late Anton Aloysia Oberstar. Also preceded by three sisters, Anna Juhant, Louise Klein, and Rose Oberstar; four brothers, Anton, Thomas, Frank, and Charles Oberstar. Frances Kerkos will be resting at the Tezak Funeral Home where services will be Monday, December 16 at 11 a.m. to St. Joseph Church, Rockdale[4] for Mass of Christian burial at 11:30 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions to Father Janko Kerkos would be appreciated.

OBERSTAR,
FRANK

Age 75, Wednesday, November 19, 1980 at Dixon, IL. Survived by five sisters, Mrs. Mary Okoren (Skraba) of Joliet, Mrs. Angelo Bero of Joliet, Mrs. Frances Kerkos of Rockdale, Mrs. Margaret Lee of Detroit and Mrs. Josephine Paul of Detroit. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Joliet, son of the late Anton (former Mayor of Rockdale) and Aloysia Oberstar. Also preceded by three sisters, Ann Juhant, Louise Klein and Rose Oberstar; four brothers, Anton, Frank, Thomas and Charles Oberstar. Remains are resting at the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 North Ottawa at Chicago Sts. where services will be held Friday at 9 a.m. to St. Joseph Church, Joliet at 9:30. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation Friday before services. (20

In Loving Memory of

FRANCES R. KERKOS

OCTOBER 25, 1896

DECEMBER 13, 1985

GENTLEST Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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TEZAK FUNERAL HOME

In Loving Memory of

FRANK OBERSTAR

Born December 3, 1904

At Rest November 19, 1980

* * *

LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANNA JUHANT
Born December 9, 1899
At Rest July 17, 1976

LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen,

Tezak Funeral Home - Joliet, Ill.

In Loving Memory of

JOSEPH JUHANT, Sr.

Born - February 11, 1894
At Rest - November 26, 1965

LET US PRAY

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgement but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen

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JUHANT, ANNA

Age 76, Sunday, July 18, 1976 at St. Joseph Hospital. Late of 711 Moen Avenue. Survived by one daughter, Lillian, Mrs. Aldo Ceresa of Boieitton Beach, Florida, 4 sons, George of Manhattan, Joseph, Herman, and Robert Juhant , all of Joliet, 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren. Five sisters, Mary, Mrs. Anton Skraba, of Minnesota, Frances, Mrs.(Anton) Kerkos of Rockdale, Mrs. Angela Bero, Margaret, Mrs. John Lee, of Dearborn, Michigan, Josephine, Mrs. (Al) Paul of Dearborn, Michigan, one brother, Frank Oberstar, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins. Born in Joliet, lived in Rockdale the past 63 years. Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, (1965), her parents, Anton and Louise Oberstar, one sister, Louise Klien. Member of St. Joseph Church, Rockdale, Altar and Rosary Society, WW II Mothers of Rockdale, KSKJ. Remains are resting at the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa Street at Chicago Street where services will be held Wednesday, July 21 at 9 a.m. to St. Joseph Church, Rockdale at 9:30. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Friends nay call Tuesday 2-5 and 7-10 p.m. (20

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OKOREN, VINCENT S.

Age 76. At rest Monday, November 19, 1990 at his late residence. Survived by his wife Margie E. (nee Busch) Okoren, one son Raymond A. Okoren, one sister Cecelia, Mrs. Edward Kermas and one brother Frank (Florence) Okoren; Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Joliet, he resided in Rockdale and the Joliet area. Preceded by his parents Frank Okoren and Mary (nee Oberstar) Skraba, one brother Raymond Okoren and one sister Mary Mussario. Employed U.S. Steel. He retired after 10 years of service. Funeral services for Vincent S. Okroen will be Saturday at 9 a.m. from the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa St. to Saint Joseph Church, Joliet, for Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. Interment church cemetery. Visitation Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

JUHANT, GEORGE W.

Age 75. Late of Manhattan Township. At his home, Monday, May 4, 1992. Survived by his wife, Mary nee Connor Juhant, two daughters, Georgia (Richard) Lenzen of Lockport and Sue (Lee) Groharing of New Lenox, four grandchildren, Lawrence Wagner, Richard Lenzen Jr., Joel Lenzen and Abigail (Timothy) Carter, one sister, Lillian Ceresa of Florida, three brothers, Joseph, Herman and Robert Juhant all of Joliet. Preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Anna Oberstar Juhant. Retired from U.S. Steel Mill after 13 years. Memorial Mass for George Juhant will be Friday, May 8, 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Manhattan. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society or the Joliet Area Community Hospice would be appreciated. Forsyth Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. 478-3321

50 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 1, 1920

A motor truck loaded with near beer fell through the floor of the Fourth Avenue bridge. The truck was towed loose by a street car and went on its way. The driver and owner of the truck were not identified.

For the first time in seven years Frank Okoren, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Okoren of Rockdale was able to open his mouth to talk and eat after an operation at Batonville Hospital. It was said this was the first time such an operation had been performed. The boy had been deaf and dumb since he was two years old.

In Loving Memory of

GEORGE W. JUHANT

Born: April 24, 1917

At Rest: May 4, 1992

* * *

Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET L. LEE

SEPTEMBER 21, 1906
AUGUST 16, 1997
SERVICES WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20, 1997

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

ST. HEDWIG MAUSOLEUM

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
"Lord make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred let me so love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt faith; where there is despair,hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."
"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

FAIRLANE FUNERAL HOME
13510 W. Warren Dearborn, MI
Directors Henry & Jeffrey Boleski

JOHN P. LEE
Born March 3, 1896
Passed away January 17, 1982
Services at St. Alphonsus Church
Wednes, Jan. 20, 1982 at 10:30 a.m.
Entombment
St. Hedwig Mausoleum

PRAYER

With the Saints give rest, O Christ to the soul of thy servant, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

FAIRLANE FUNERAL HOME
Dearborn, Michigan
Henry J. Boleski Jeffrey J. Boleski
Directors

PAUL, JOSEPHINE NEE OVERSTAR

Age 80. Survived by one son, James Paul of Dearborn, MI; four grandchildren; also several nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Joliet area. Born in Joliet. Preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Louise Overstar; her husband, Alexander Paul. Josephine Paul is resting at the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa St. Services will be Monday 9:30 am to St. Patrick Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment Woodlawn Memorial Park. Visitation Sunday 4-8pm.

My Jesus have mercy on the soul of

John (Raymond) Okoren

March 24, 1920 July 12, 1962

Funeral Mass Held at
ST. WALTER CHURCH
July 16, 1962 11:00 A.M.

Interment
ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY
Palatine, Illinois

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Richert & Son Funeral Directors
Roselle, Illinois

Appendices

Appendix I

RECOLLECTIONS OF LUDWIG[3] BIRSA

Ludwig Birsa recorded these recollections on two 90 minute audiocassettes in August 1984.
Dorothy Setina Scholtes, granddaughter of Amalija Birsa Ursich carefully transcribed them from the tapes, resulting in -48 handwritten pages in all! Thank you, Dorothy.
(*Items in brackets [ ] are added by J. Zielinski for better understanding the recollections.)

In 1862 in the town of Polesk. He [my father, Benedict[2] Birsa] says when he was six years old he noticed where Polesk was situated. He could look on top of the mountains and there they were - Tri Kral - that means the three heads. That was the marking of the city. I was told the house that he was born in was build in 1685 by the name of Frank Birsa. He was a blacksmith. The armor in front of the house was two heads. The house is still there. They say the house was all built out of stone about maybe three foot wide, and the way the stones are and everything, they're laid, no plaster. Still the house is there today and the Birsas. No sign of troubling. So there is still a Birsa hisa [house].

His father [Anton Birsa] had four girls and two boys. One of the girls had polio - very bad polio and they never did take care of her. I guess they gave her away and a family took her in. His sisters Amelia and Ursa [Amalija[2] Birsa Ursich and Aloyzia[2] Birsa Oberstar], they come to this country before he did. His brother he says he remembers him up from when he was six years old. That was the last time he seen him. He must have went to Trieste 'cause that is the last place we know of him. I don't know how many children he had when he got married, but I know he had one. That is my cousin. I finally met him in Naples, Florida. That was about 100 years. They did not know anything who my father was or my grandfather.

My father [Benedict Birsa] says he don't know how old he was when he was going to the coal mines. He must have been about ten years old. He had to walk from his home in Slovenia to Slovakia, over about 80 or 100 miles. He also worked in the Polish coal mines, German coal mines, Austrian coal mines. I don't think Slovenia had any coal mines. He finally made enough money to come to the United States. He came to the U.S. to a sister Ursula. She married a man named Anton Oberstar. They lived on Indiana Avenue in Joliet. [Amalija Birsa Ursich lived at 115 Indiana Street, Joliet, Illinois; Aloyzia Birsa Oberstar lived at 105 Cora Street, Joliet, IL]

Oberstar, he was a foreman in a steel mill, and he met another Slovenian who said he would like to find some woman to get married. Oberstar says, "I got just the right one for you, a very good woman, my sister's sister. She's not very good looking but she would make a very fine husband [wife]." He says, "Fine, how can I get her?" He says, "I'll write to her and find out if she wants to come here and marry you. I know you've got

enough money saved up, so I'll let you know." She came over. They got married. [This sister was Amalija Birsa, and the Slovenian was Michael Ursich]

Then my father [Benedict Birsa], he always did want to come over, but he couldn't come over because there wasn't no one who wanted to sign up for him. So he had this sister, Amalija. She said she would take care of him. He made enough money, so he says, "Okay, I'm gonna come over." He come over on a freighter. He says it was dirty, not fit for anybody to live in. You know, puke all over. Terrible. So finally one day he woke up. There it was - the Statue of Liberty. He said, "We docked, they herded us all into one room. 'Take your clothes off,' they said. We all took our clothes off." They took the clothes, washed them up, fumigated them. While that was going on, they all had to take a bath. [he laughs here]. Finally, the clothes come back, and everybody had to find their own. You could imagine, for over maybe three or four hundred suits of clothes in one pile. He said, "We dug around and dug around and we finally got our clothes back." Then the next thing he says, "I know I was on a train heading for Joliet, Illinois. I finally got there and I don't know how." They got in Amelia Ursich's home. They made it. My father says, "I still can't figure out how I got there, but I did."

My father says, "I laid around a couple of days." At that time they were building the Illinois Michigan Canal. It was almost all handwork. You know, they didn't have all these modern tools we have not today. He says he used to get in there and knock them big boulders apart so they could hand them and load them, so on and so forth. He says he only got about 50 cents a day. Half of that 50 cents he says they took back for board and sleeping quarters. He says, "Well, I worked there a while and then this Mr. Ursich, he, or Oberstar, he got me a job in the Steel Mill. I worked there another year and then I sent the money to get my wife, Anna Viscek, from Europe. When she come to Joliet, I got married."

"We had two children here in Joliet, Joseph and Ben. Then I heard about a coal mine opening up in Carbon Hill. I and another fellow, we walked there, got a job there, so I rented a house, a company house, bought a mattress, went around the yard, got some lumber, made the table and chairs, and so forth. I was ready to move in. Come to Joliet, got my wife, worked in the coal mine. We had another child, Edward, he was born in Carbon Hill. I lived there maybe a year, year and a half. Then we heard that there was a place to work. They opened up a new mine in Toluca, Illinois. That was about 70 miles away. Well, we walked over there. We got a job. We moved into Toluca, Illinois."

I was born in Toluca, Illinois January 25, 1899. My name is Ludwig. We was in this place about one year and my father and mother made enough money. They bought a company home. You know what company homes are - just a shack, a bunch of boards put up. So they bought one for about three hundred bucks. They moved in. I don't know, it must have taken three or four years to plaster it all up, build it up, raise it up and get ready. A lot of shacks in the back, all full of chickens and hogs, and that's the way it went.

My first recollection of anything, I must have been one year old when they moved me into Illinois into the house they bought. The first thing I remember is, one of my brothers had me by the hand, in the other hand I had a pail. We come up to a house about a block away from the home we were going to live in. There was one of these here, you know, signs up along there. Mourning - someone was dead. There's one of the boys 13 or 14 years old that died. They says, "Ah, he was drunk. He fell down and he caught a

cold and he got sick and he died." And on the way I remember about every block, every two blocks, there was a well - a well dug and you know the type that you take a pail and throw it in and crank it up. Some of them had conveyors. You get some water by different means. I'm telling you, that water was dandy. Every well we'd come to, we had a drink.

From there, I don't know anything. It must have been a couple of years before I realized. I walked out in Spring. There was a nice garden and everything. We had hogs, we had chickens, grass outside growing and everything. The first thing that I ever realized. Oh yes, my father dug a well, right in the back yard, and this well served as a refrigerator. Everything went into it, made a special door and hung on milk, water, anything that had to be refrigerated. It kept everything okay, just like a refrigerator. I don't know, everything was cool. Nice drinking water.

The next thing I remember was my mother took in boarders - maybe she had four or five, I don't know. They had a big wash tub. They didn't have no bathtub. They never heard of them. The first thing, I remember washing the back of this (laugh) guy. Boy was he dirty! All full of coal dust. And that's how they washed. They'd take turns going in that bath tub. That's another recollection.

One day I happened to go out on the street and ahh, there it is, a wooden sidewalk. Yeah, a wooden sidewalk, and the roads were all full of stones. All the roads were made out of slate from the coal mines. They were rough, but the stones finally broke down and made pretty good roads. And around the house, I know there were barrels to catch rain water. That was the only thing my mother washed clothes in and she'd wash her own hair and everything was with this soft water out of the barrels.

Also in the back yard we had some grapes. They'd just about ripened then. It was the first one that I ever tasted. Grapes. The balance of them they didn't want to eat, because they wanted to make wine out of them. So they made wine.

Then I remember they needed some pork - some meat. They got one of the hogs. They raised them mostly for lard. Real heavy. Maybe the hog weighed 500 pounds. He was big! They got him, they pulled him over the place. About four or five guys grabbed a hold of him, threw him down on his back. He was hollerin' for bloody murder. My father had some kind of a rope he took he stuck it in his mouth and he wrapped it around and kept him quiet. They flopped him over. I don't know, somebody took a knife, stuck him. My mother was there, she caught all the blood.

The reason they killed the hog that way was to get some blood to make blood sausage. And then, when he was dead, they pulled him out and they had a lot of boiling water made, a whole tub full. They poured boiling water on him, and scraped and got all the hair off. They got all the hair off, took him over on the side, turned him over, cut his head off, cut the belly, took the guts out, cut the bottom of the legs off. They went to town. Cleaned everything up. Then they started hacking the pieces off - in quarters. They took all of this and they hung it up outside. They let it dry I guess maybe for a day and then they come back the next day and they started cutting it up in smaller pieces.

In the meantime, my mother and the kids they washed the guts. We called them guts, so it was guts. They washed them to make the sausage. To make the blood sausage. The blood sausage was made out of the head and all of the insides, the lungs and the bottom of the pig's feet and all the small loose pieces of the meat. There was about ten gallons of this mixture. Mixed it up, put the blood in. Mix, mix, mix, mix. All

mixed. They had one of these old time sausage machines that happened to have a crank on it that pushed in the piston that pushed the ingredients out. Took the casings and there they go to make the sausage. The blood sausage. When the blood sausage was done, they took it and they - (we had a smoke house built) put it in the smoke house, smoked it very little, oh, maybe only about a half a day, and then that was done, ready to eat. Boy was it swell ! All the meat was cut up into hams and pork chips and all different ways and everything and all the odd pieces were saved for the sausage. All this meat was put into a brine for about four or five days. Every night I could see my Dad go there, salt it up, turn it over, back and forth, enough salt in the brine to cover the whole works. Finally when he thought there was brine enough, he'd put the hams away into the basement. And we're on our way to make Krajnski Klobasa. That was smoke sausage, one of the best in the country. The Krajnskis in Europe, there is no one, nobody, can make a better sausage than they can. And we had the same thing. They knew how to make them.

Oh, you know, Krajnski Klobasi, they love the garlic. Yes, (laugh), you'd smell it after we got done eating. It was good. These Krajnski Klobasi and all, we had to smoke them. We smoked them good, about two or three days. Put them away, oh, maybe we'd eat them once a week for a long time. We went to school, we took them in our lunch. Ahh, that's it (laugh).

I opened up the lunch pail, all the kids walked away, said, "some of that garlic snatcher." So there're two of my best friends, they stayed there. They knew what the good Klobasa was. One of them says, "I am tired of my mother giving me veal bologna all the time, please give me a big piece." And we sat down and had dinner. Yes, the room did stink a little while, but my, was that Klobasa good!

Whenever my mother sent me down in the basement to get anything (laugh), I would hit them Klobase. Steal a little piece. Then, when the sausage was all gone, I would cut off a piece of ham. Yep, the basement was full of things - the big barrel full of kraut; another, about a half a barrel full of sour turnips. We called it "repa". And man, I'm going to tell you something, it sure did stink on the top. Every time you had to scrape and scrape a bunch off the top till then, but this "repa" was really good. My mother always had large stones on top of it to be compressed, all the time. I could hardly lift up them stones.

We always had enough potatoes to last through to the next season; also flour. She bought flour by the hundred pound bags. It was always a half dozen bags down there. It was a real storehouse. She also bought salt in fifty pound bags, but that had been kept upstairs. Our coffee and other foods were bought through a club. She'd get coupons and collect them up and she would get furniture with that. That's how we furnished our house up.

Also, my mother would buy providla, that is plum jelly, in five gallon lots. Boy, we slopped that up. Corn meal we bought in one hundred pound bags.

My mother was the best cook in the country. When she was a kid, she went to work in a kitchen to help the cook out. This cook was a German lady and so were the people Germans. They were what you call Lords, and they governed the whole country around. I understand that an ordinary person couldn't go out and shoot a rabbit. It was up to them.

We'd go and buy steaks - round steaks and she had a way of cooking it. It was good. Boy, you would lick your fingers after it. I'm telling you, no one cooked better than Mama. Also, baked salt bread and cookies and sweets and so on. The bread, she'd cook a couple of big chunks that weighed maybe four or five pounds. And she'd always make rolls and put different things in them. Put the cracklings in of the pork that we rendered for the grease. All different stuff, raisins and anything you can mention. She even made these rolls, made some kind of tomatoes paste and put in these rolls. I don't know where she learned all this stuff. But she really knew it.

We ate a lot of this corn meal, and it was made in the form of a polenta and we made what we called "zjance". It was all doubled up and sprinkled with these cracklings from the pork. We had a lot of that.

I am talking about the early 1900's. As you know, in them days there was no automobiles. There were a lot of horses on the streets, cows and all different animals. But the horses were the ones that caused the mess. You know, there were a lot of them hot ones on the streets, and the birds and the flies were there to get their share. That is why there were billions of them in those days. There was no kind of sprays. Sprays weren't invented yet. The only thing I know was the sticky paper that you'd take and let it hand down from the roof of the house or anywhere you could. One day, I noticed in particular, it was put up in the evening, by noon the next day, it was so full of flies that there wasn't room for any more to get on there.

But we did get the K.S.K.J. paper. The right words for them papers was Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliska Jednota. [which means the Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union, which was founded July 1894]

Another thing that bothered besides the flies were the rats. We had hogs, you know, and they brought them on. Ah boy, I used to have a B.B. gun and go out there and take pop shots at them. That didn't do any good. Ha, I can't tell you how many you could see. You could see it plenty anytime you wanted to.

They say that it rained so hard that it rained pitch forks. I really believe it now that it really did rain pitch forks, because those tornadoes were powerful.

One day, oh, I was very young. One of these tornadoes come, it was awfully dark; I didn't actually see the tornado. When everything was done and the sun was shining bright and I went out in the street, and in the holes anywhere, you could pick up crawdads and fish, any size up to six inches. Frogs, anything you want. Boy, when that tornado was starting to touch down in that water, the closest water that had anything was about twenty miles away. It sure must have scooped up the right spot, because there was every and any kind of variety there was. They say it don't rain fish or anything, it sure did that day, because I picked up the minnows. About two days later in the yard, there was about an eight-inch water lizard. He was strolling around. That was the first lizard that I ever seen. They sure did scare me. I was so scared, I was afraid of doing anything about it. I ran away. Yes, it happened right in front of the house. It dumped all them fish and crabs, and you call it, all them small things that lived in the water at the time. So if there are any pitch forks around there, it rained pitch forks that day.

In the evenings there happened to come one of those picture houses in town. We all stayed outside there a long time and asked some guys, "please take me in, please take me in." Finally, when things were about over, why the owner let all us kids go in there to see these movies (ha ha ha). That's when the movies what you call the 'jumpin' movies'.

And at the end, they'd have a live show, something like a magician, you know, and fortune tellers and, Oh yes, they had a piano, somebody I guess could play it. There was a faker that said he could hypnotize you. Maybe he could hypnotize somebody, but, (ha ha ha) all of a sudden he couldn't and he told them what to do and they were up there acting, showing off, making fools out of themselves. And at the end of the show, why that was the time all the tomatoes were ripe, and I don't know where the tomatoes come from, but boy, everybody had tomatoes. When the show was done, they just let them have it. They threw tomatoes. They ruined the stage and everything else. That's how those early days were. Oh yes, the movies were called 'flickers'.

A lot of nights we'd go down to the corner two blocks away, they had a light on that corner, it must have been a kerosene lamp. I just don't know what kind of light it was, and there, us kids, we'd have a lot of fun. There were a lot of beer kegs down there, you know, we'd roll the beer kegs down there on the corner from the saloons, pile them up, it would be just like a stage, and all at once some of the kids would get up there and talk. Talk in their language. Especially, there was one we called Butts. That was Butts because he was always asking for the butts of the cigarettes. And boy could he talk. It was fun to listen to him. I couldn't understand him. He was Polish and he'd talk in Polish. And he'd go on and on and on and on. Nobody could talk and act like he did.

One day it was hot. I made a big mistake. I went and sat down in the field. In those days the fields were all covered up with, oh, maybe poison ivy and there were all different kinds of lowers, any color you want. I sat there, and I was picking some of them flowers, and Oh Boy! there was poison ivy there, too. I got it! I'm telling you it itched, it swelled up and watered. I could see the water in my hands move sometimes and make connect together and make a big bubble. I even got some of it on my face. Oh boy, Oh boy, was I in hell. I don't know how long I had it, but I finally got rid of it. Yeah, I done it again and again sometimes. Oh boy, we had a lot of that poison ivy.

Many a times I would walk down near the shack there where the city was building - they had someone dig an artesian well. I'd go there and watch them, a big high to were and the thing would go round and round, boom, boom, boom, boom. All at once, he kept it. Finally he stopped, the end needed sharpening. I don't know, he built a fire and I think he must have had that fire going a whole day. He had to see how he was sharpening. I'm telling you, that was something to see.

About the same time, there was a big reservoir, oh it must have been about a half a _____? and about a mile long. Down on the end there was a dam. There was a lot of fish in there. We used to do a lot of fishing. I remember one time Eddie was out on a big log fishing when it wasn't very good, so he come in. On the way coming in he stepped on the cord, and the hook went into his finger. Oh, did he holler. He wrapped the cord all around his hand and he went home. Showed it to my mom. She shook her head and said," I can't do anything. We'll have to wait for Ignace (he was one of our boarders) to see what he does." Ignace come home and he looked at it and everything else. He turned his hand around, and all at once he jerked. He pretty near took half his finger off. That was it. That was a bad fishing trip.

Other days when the fish were swarming, Oh, could we catch them. I don't know what they were. We called them salmon. We could get them by the hundreds. Two or three hooks, it didn't make any difference. If you threw them in, why you'd get two or

three fish. Boy oh boy, were there fish there, and that fish was really swell -very very good.

That same day there was a fellow come from Italy, we called him 'Kill the Priest' because he killed a priest in Italy. Oh, he was a young fella, about 19-20 years old; meaner than hell. And I don't know, he got alongside one guy and they talked and he called him every damn thing he could. "Priest killer" and swore at him and everything else. He says "get out of here this is my place." 'Kill the Priest' didn't bother, he kept on fishing. He wouldn't go out because it was a very good spot. Finally they got into a bad argument. All at once Kill the Priest took out a knife. He stuck him in the back. Oh man, this boy fell down hollering. Kill the Priests run. I don't know where he went. I don't know. We finally got his, the stuck boy, to the doctor. They took him to the doctor. There was no hospital, so they fixed him up some way.

The sheriffs got on their horses and they tried to track Kill the Priest. But Kill the Priest out maneuvered them. I think they found him four or five months later in a town about forty or fifty miles away. I remember when the hunt was on for him. It seemed everybody in the village were out after him. This way, that way, every way they were going; no signs or anything. How he got out, nobody knows. Bu he did. Yeah, they got him back. He served some time. l the boy got out pretty good from the stab wound. Yeah, he had the right name - Kill the Priest.

But then they had a [unknown word]. It was all piled up with stones. Every once in a while they'd walk through them stones and we could hear fish down there flopping and everything else. We caught a lot of fish that way. All we had to do was move the stones. They were trapped in there some way, and putt them out. We called it hand fishing. (laugh). We used our hands.

Yah, right below the dam was the Toluca Cemetery. Everybody that died was buried there. It got to be pretty large. They've got a lot of nice monuments there. I would like to go back there some day and visit it. My brother, he did one day, and he says, "Do you remember (I forgot his name)? They were Italian people; they were very poor, and somehow he got to go to school. He was an expert on electricity. He made a lot of money. And he made for his mother one of the biggest monuments there in the cemetery. That is what my brother done told me. Oh yes, this guy was one of the best hunters there ever was. He used a club, something like a billy club; go out hunting for rabbits.

I went out one time with him. I could hardly keep up. All at once rabbits started running out, down through the snow [__?__]. He'd throw that club. He never missed. Down the rabbit went. We'd go along, another rabbit gets up, goes; out goes the club. He'd mowed them town. He was something.

He had about for or five rabbits. I thought maybe he would give me one. (laugh) No, no, no, nah. He kept them all. (laugh) They probably had fifty or one hundred at home. It was in the wintertime then. They'd keep good outside.

On the other side of the ballpark there was a creek that went through. One day there was a big flood. I don't know, the water must have about took from the rivers where they had fish, thirty or forty miles; and the big carps, some of the largest two to three foot long. Most of the kids would go out there with hatchets and they'd be [___?___] and hit them with a hatchet. Some would make spears. That was the best way - with a spear. You could take a spear and drop it down there and pull them out. I can't

understand why all these fish come heading up this creek when there was a flood. It was an awful big flood. Yep, a lot of fish. In a small creek, generally in the summertime (laugh0 there was a trickle and maybe only six inches of water. Other times when it rained we would build a dam and we'd get water up to three feet. We would all go swimming.

This one was funny, when by brother Joe (laugh). The ballpark was very clean and everything else, and a lot of cows around there and everything and he caught a horse and he was running around (laugh) from home, you know, first, second, third, fourth. About the second time around, there was this nice cow bladder down there (laugh) on second base for the horse would go around that (laugh). You know what happened, the horse fell down and so did Joe into one of them bladders. Man, you should have seen it. Ha, no more horse riding in that park for Joe. He had enough.

Also, in back in [_____ _____] it was a place where there were a lot of these ground squirrels. We called them ground squirrels, anyway. We would go down in the creek and get a couple of pans of water and pour it in and all at once we'd see that water shake and out he comes! With baseball bats all soon we [___ ___], why we killed them. Sometimes we'd take our cap and watch them when they come out. "Here he comes," we'd say, and ready with the cap, we'd catch them alive. I'm telling you we sure monkeyed with danger there. Maybe they had rabies or I don't know. Ahh, they could bit. But we were lucky. No one got bit.

Also in some of these gopher holes the bumble bees took over. We used to make paddles and we'd go after them, block the hole up a little but and when they'd come, one or two, maybe three or four kids around there, we'd take them and slap them and kill them. When we thought we all had them, we'd dig the hole and there it was - the honey. Say, that was good honey. Yup, we'd clean them up. It was good. All those bumble bee nests. We never got into mischief. We always had something nice to do, and we enjoyed every bit of it.

Well, you know how kids are, every once in a while we'd get in a fight, ha, sometimes come home with a bloody nose or something, beat up. We'd say, "Yeah, he hit me, he hit me." Yeah, we better not say that he hit me. My mother would get hold of us and slap us. "What did you do to him?" "I didn't do nothing." "Well, if you didn't do nothing, he wouldn't have got you in that fight." And another smack. "Don't you ever come home and tell me that you were in a fight with someone."

One day on the way to a park, about a block away, we met a young lady. She was sitting three playing mumble peg. Know what that is - playing with a knife. We sat down - different thing. So we sat down start playing with her a while and everything. . . . We had a lot of fun.

Oh yes, there was a big wooden fence around there one time, and the posts, they rotted and had holes in them and there were a lot of bluebirds. They'd find their nests in there and go in there and have their babies. We would always climb up, put our hand in, pull them out and all the bluebirds dive down, tried to chase us away[___] and everything else. We'd take the bluebirds, the little babies out and play with them for a while. Finally we felt sorry for the mother and we would put them back. But further on right around the park were they had all these hedge trees, there were a lot of brown thrush nests. It was hard to get into them, but we got into them. Ah boy, you'd better not, these brown thrush,

they were mean. L they would come and dive down and hit you in the head and everything else. Bu we were game. We would rob their nests, take the birds.

This field in the ball park was a fellow by the name Capone. He run a grocery store and meat market down in town and he was an Italian, and his place sure did stink from cheese. And he had a lot of cows, horses in there. He'd even rent the space out.

One day we were back there in the cornfield and we seen him driving his horse. He had a horse, big swayback. You know what a swayback is? Well, the back is way down in. Somebody rode this horse from when he was real young and that's what caused the swayback. And we thought he was after us. Oh my, we ran around through that cornfield and saw that corn sticking out, hit us in the face and everything else. We took a beating. I don't know what made us that nuts. He was on the road and we thought he was after us. L After a good beating and running around, we finally decided, ah heck, he wasn't after us at all. So leave it alone.

Way back from the ball park, there was a farmer. He had about, oh, maybe six or ten walnut trees. When the first frost would come, we'd go over there and we'd get in there and steal his walnuts. Ah, sometimes we made out okay and sometimes we didn't. Yes, he caught us several times. That didn't make any difference. We wanted to get walnuts.

On the same road, why one time a bunch of Gypsies come in and they had a very good race horse. And they talked on that they would like to race the horse with anybody. They finally had a bet of $100 that that horse could beat anyone. A framer took them up. He had a good race horse. I think they staged this race on a Sunday. There were a lot of people come out and we were watching it. Finally, they come down the road; let them go, the horses. They were racing. Just about the finish line, the Gypsy was a little behind and he took his whip and he started hitting the other driver to try to slow him down some way. Well, he didn't. The farmer won. But the Gypsy knew what was gonna happen. He kept right on going. I don't know whether he was the one that was going to pay the $100 off or what. Boy, he ran away, but he kept on a going. He wouldn't stop. A lot of the other horses took off after him. He was too fast. He went and they never did catch him. Finally, the rest of the Gypsies packed up and they went out. I think that was probably the first race that Gypsy horse ever lost.

Our main game in the house was 'kill the pig'. We'd get one of the kids, pull him over and he'd squeal like a hog, kick and everything. We had a hell of a time to keep going. Finally, somebody'd put his hand over his mouth and he'd bite- oh boy. But, turn him over, make like we stuck him. Somebody'd go get the pail, catch the blood. Boy we had a lot of fun in that 'kill the pig'.

Yeah, we also done a lot of singing; especially my brother, Ben. Boy, he was a dandy singer. He'd take a prize anywhere. We'd sing Slovenian songs, Polish songs; anything we could think of. Yeah, we sure did have a lot of fun there. Then we would make off that we were playing bands. Everybody would mock an instrument, like playing drums and horns and beat anything. We had a way we would putt on our muscle and different sounds would come out. It sounded just like a band. Boy, I'm telling you, it was wonderful to hear us kids sing and play in a band.

Yeah, we also played nibs in the house, make a ring, and, ah, we couldn't play with my brother Eddie, he was too good. He'd get to start shooting and he'd clean everything up. The only way we would play with him was make the ring twice as big,

maybe three times as big. Still, he could beat us. We'd make paddles and cut a hole down below so you could shoot through and give him odds from one to two or three, it all depends on how we figured how good he could shoot. That's the distance we'd give. Ah, Eddie had to take (laugh), I guess that's three or four times more distance than anybody else. Still, I don't know, he was a dandy. He could hit 'em. The nib could just about go through, but boy, he could plop through. From kneeling down all the time, playing nibs and different things, oh, was our knees dirty. Sometimes my mother took the scrubbing brush and tried to get the dirt off. She couldn't do it - still dirty. I'm telling you, our knees were dirty!

I, myself, I couldn't play any game very good, but mumble peg. I think I done about as good as anyone. [Note: Mumbly peg was played with a pocket knife. A series of moves such as flipping the blade off finger tips, lips, etc. Knife point had to stick in ground with each trick. Peg was placed in ground and winner of round whacked peg each time. When peg was all the way in the ground, loser had to remove it with is teeth.]

All the time something to do. We'd go outside and get a can and play "shinny". Boy, that was different; that was, I mean, dangerous. You know you'd hit that can and it would be so small you know, and boy, if it every hit you, it sure would but you up. That happened many a time. But we would play it. It was a good game. [Note: Shinny is played like street hockey. The tin can as the puck and a bent tree limb as the stick.]

Also, we done a lot of running. Us kids were all fast. We'd get in, line up, maybe three, four, five, six, maybe even ten. All at once it was "go", and we'd go about a block. Boy, we were all exhausted by the time we got there. I was a good runner. Many a race I won. And I got prizes, too.

One time in town they had a carnival. And the carnival come down with two horses. I'll bet it was the nicest team you ever could see. Something frightened them and they run away. L say, man, he jerked and yanked, and everything, and them horses it seemed, the faster they went. Everybody scattered. They got through okay. About a block away, as I said, he finally got them stopped. Now, boy, I seen different runaway horses on the movies and everything else. It was nothing compared to this. I'm telling you, it was real. And there's nothing better to see than some thing real. Oh man, Oh man, did they go. I thought they were gonna leave the wagon and all behind. Sometimes they hit a bump and everything was eight to ten inches up in the air. This guy was pretty good. He held his nerve. Boy, he kept on yanking back, back, jerking and everything. He finally quieted them down. If you want to really see something, you want to see one of them runaway horses. When they get scared, they go.

"Chawawk", we called it downtown, it was only about five blocks away. To me, I don't know, it seemed it was five miles. It sure seemed a long, far away. Downtown was about five miles and two miles further was the shafts and the railroad tracks. I thought I would NEVER get to it. That's how it seemed to me.

Every Sunday we had to go to Church. l At that time here were two churches - Saint Anne's and Saint Joachims. We went to Saint Joachim's because that was right next to the schoolhouse. It was a long building - wooden, ah, looked terrible; sides falling down and everything. They had one Italian priest there and his name was Boncini. You know, he would start singing in Latin, and all of us kids, we couldn't keep quiet. We would laugh and giggle and everything when he'd start singing. We thought it was the funniest thing in the world. Ah, I can never forget that. How we laughed. Held our

mouths so that people wouldn't hear us very loud. I'm telling you, the way he sang, any body would laugh.

We had two schools, a public school and the Catholic school. They had Sisters. The first thing they did, they had a big bell; the bell ringing coming in. We'd come in, al singing; finally she'd give a signal. We'd stand up. The first thing we'd do is pray. Pray, Pray. Aha yes, pray. I was sick of praying, but it was pray. In them days in the Catholic school, why I don't know how many prayers there were, different ones, there must have been over a dozen different kinds of prayers and we all had to learn them by heart. Umm boy, I couldn't lean anything at first. I don't know. It finally come, but I was awful slow learning.

We had an outside privy. One side the boys, one side the girls. If you ever know what a privy is, it's just plain stink. Ha, some of the god darned kids, they'd get a knife and they'd make holes and try to see what the girls are doing in the room in the back of us. I never did that. I don't know why. I wasn't no mischief maker. Ha, Ha (laugh). One day, a sister went in and she heard one of the kids inside whittling away. She caught him whittling, making that hole. I guess he never made another hole by the time she got done with him.

I don't know, in them days the public schools and Catholic schools would always fight. I think it's the same as it was then. Fight, fight, fight. Especially in the winter time, making snow balls. Ah, we'd all make a lot of snowballs. The public school was about a block and a half away. A gang would come from the public school with a lot of balls - snowballs - we had a lot of them. Ha, by the time we were ready to fight, they were almost ice, but the fight would go on. We said, if we catch anybody, throw them down and wash their face with snow. Same thing. I got my face washed a many times, because we tried to hold the fort. Oh, yea, we used to build forts, too. We used to roll up the snow in big bunches and set them like a fort. We called it a fort. We had a lot of ammunition back there. Ha, everybody was afraid to come near the fort. You know what they'd get. I know I never went near a fort. They were afraid to come to a fort, too. That was dandy because there was too much ammunition in back of that fort.

There were always baseball teams against one and the other. Seems that each grade had a baseball team, and we'd play the others. That was against the public school and the Catholic school. The public school was the one that had the biggest plate around on the ball park, so that's where we had to go to play ball mostly.

Basketball, I don't know nothing about it. Maybe it wasn't invented then yet. But my mind is blank to this day about basketball.

Everyday after school we'd run to town to the different grocery places. They'd throw out the garbage, apples, and oh, all that kind of stuff they was dumping. We'd run, and hell, we'd probably feed ourselves before we got home. Find an apple and cut out half, eat the rest of it; carrots, or anything. That was almost a daily chore.

One day, I don't know what happened. I think I tried to grab a good apple and another kid, maybe he was a year older than me, he was much stronger and everything, and he took it away from me. Boy, I wouldn't stand for it. On the way home I says, "I'm gonna get even with him. I know he's gonna beat the hell out of me, but if I get one good whack out of him, I figured I'm gonna give it to him." So we was walking and finally I let go. I give him one in the jaw and knocked him out. I knew where to hit him, cause there was a lot of fighting in those days, you know, prize fights and everybody says go

for the jaw, go for the jaw. And he fell down. I started to run. He finally got up. God damn, if he caught me. He beat the hell out of me. But it was worth it, I figured. I'm gonna give him a good one. He got it.

(Laugh) This is a better one than I pulled off. I, Eddie, and all the rest of us kids, we were walking down from school. This was a place we always called them "Niggers." The Niggers lived upstairs. The place wasn't fit to live downstairs. It was like Chicago, you know, the places that are ready to be torn down. The Niggers tore it all apart and in the winter time they'd tear the lumber off it and burn it to keep warm. All the windows were broken in. Probably only one was left in the back.

We were walking home, playing ball, throwing the ball. Somebody batted and hit it. Finally somebody threw a ball to Eddie and he had a bat. He hit it. Pop goes that last window. And he says, "Ah, that's [_____], that don't make no difference." I'll give them an egg crate and patch it up for them. And this nigger lady heard him. She was a young woman. She was pretty heavy. She was just about the same size all the way around. But could she go run! She come out running after him. And Eddie, she knew who knocked the ball out, and Eddie hollered, "I didn't do it." "I'll get ya, I'll get ya, I'll cut your neck out." Eddie went. She was gaining every minute of the way. Boy, she was just about ready to grab him, and she pooped out. I'm telling you, Eddie was lucky. Maybe she would have killed him. (laugh) Yeah, Yeah, he mentioned, he says, "Ah, I'll go and get an old orange crate and nail it up." Out she come (laugh), fire in her eyes. Oh boy, that's something I'll never, never forget. How he ran, and how she was gaining on him all the time. There were only about five colored people in that town. They were just like the bums in Chicago.

[____] and they had a bunch of boots. You know, these boots in the winter time. Why, they had a big felt leg that fit in this boot. It was all felt. Oh, maybe a half a dozen out there, maybe even more than that. We picked some of them up and brought them home, and my mother says, "Oh, that's just the thing for me." She says, "How many have you got?" "We don't know, I don't know, many be two, three pair." She says, "Any more there?" "Yah." She says, "Go and get them." So we went and got the rest of them; maybe three or four more pair. I remember my mother wearing these all winter long. Just the felt boots. They sure kept her feet warm.

The coal mine, they had an office. I think about every two weeks they'd pay out Dad's payroll day. When they had anything over $10, why in those days, they had a lot of ten dollar gold pieces, tens, twenties, it was a lot of gold pieces. They were in tens, twenties, fives and all that, so this guy went up to the window, well they were all lined up - many, fifty or one hundred. They'd call out their number and out they'd hand the cash. They handed the cash to this guy, he went over to the end of the sidewalk. The sidewalk that was there was up about three feet. He was counting his money; a ten dollar piece slipped out and fell on the ground. I seen it fall. I waited a little while; like a damn fool, I should have waited longer, if I wanted to keep that ten dollar piece. I run and picked it up and run all the way home.

I don't know when he discovered that he was ten dollars short. He must have gone home and had it counted again, and then he remembered that there was a kid running that was when I picked that money up and I ran home. I give it to my Mom and I told her what happened. She says, "I don't know how you're going to find the guy." She says, "You're going to have to take it back." Ha, it wasn't very long. Somebody told him

who it was, that I was the one that run away and they took this guy and showed him where the house was and everything, and he come, and he says, "Ask your son if he didn't find ten dollars. I lost ten dollars over there." My mother says, "Sure, here it is." Yeah, that's the way it is. He worked two weeks maybe. His pay was only thirteen or fourteen dollars, and he lost that ten dollar gold piece. Ah, what does a kid do? - pick it up and run.

We had a lot of fun when the farmers were harvesting. While they were harvesting, we'd go out, look. The country around there was all flat. There wasn't a hill on the place. We'd look around, there we could see it, smoke coming up. Okay, we said, let's go. We went. Here was the thrashing machine puffing away. The first crops that are ready are wheat and oats. They were shelling the oats this time. We would watch them for a long time and then we'd get in one of these wagons; sit in the back of it. Whoa, I'll tell you two, three, it was about a five mile trip these horses would take to the elevator. We'd get in there and we'd ride back and forth; get in one wagon, come back in another. I'm telling you, that was fun. Sitting in that oats. You know, playing with it and everything. We'd come to this grain elevator. Had to go up a big hill. They had to have a big hill up in the air, so the corn fall down and had a way of going all by itself by gravity into railroad cars. But they'd store it most of the time first in bins. The horses would get in there and a lot of the horses were scared to go up this hill, but they'd finally coax them in. Lead them in, go up there and the guy would pull a handle and down went the back end, up went the front end and spilled the whole load down in the elevator. They stored it. Why, of course, when they had enough, they shipped it out in railroad cars. There were railroad tracks right along side of it. That's the reason the railroad tracks wee on the one end of town and these farms were north. That's the reason they were so far away. And we spent many a days just riding back and forth. When they were harvesting the grain. Very easy, go out there and look around. "There it is, let's go. See the smoke?" (Laugh) My father couldn't understand why they'd harvest the corn. They didn't have no combines or anything else like that to shell the corn or anything. They had to pick it, you know, and haul it to the elevators. That is the way the corn was, you know, it wasn't shelled. And he'd say, "Them damn farmers, they'd always wait till freeze up." He couldn't get it into his dome. "Why do they wait until freeze up? There they are, they wait till it's cold out there, cussing and everything else, cold, standing, moving their hands warming up and everything." He couldn't get over it. "Why do they do that? Why don't they pick it up in the nice weather? They don't have to go out there in that cold." But they always did and they still do that today. After it freezes up and out they go. Yah, that was something else to watch - pretty nice.

As the business places would expand out in the loop there, (it wasn't a loop) but downtown these old company houses, the company would sell them and they'd move out further. And the way they'd move these houses; jack them up, put planks down there and make a roadway; a lot of rollers, and they had a big rope extending out to a big pulley. They had a horse. He'd go around and move this pulley. He'd go around, wind it up; crank it up. You could see the house moving a little at a time. And that's how they done it. They'd move these houses up to two miles. It was continually carrying the rollers, putting the planks down, moving the house, staking everything down. They had enough rope. They'd pull the house up about fifty feet, that's about all the time. They used some old plug (horse) that wasn't scared or anything like that. We called them plugs, you

know, they were old horses. They had old plugs doing that. They didn't have to have anybody guiding him around or anything else, they just tied him up and said, "Giddyup," and they'd go around, go around, go around, till they pulled it all the way up, then the horses would stop. It was just automatic, that's all. Yeah.

Later on, and I don't know, somebody wised up. He got some big, long timbers and put them under long timers and they made some wheels and they had these steam tractors pull them. I seem the steam tractors pull them. They'd hook the steam tractor on and away he'd go. These houses were on wheels. It went just like a wagon. Of course, the steam tractor, it couldn't go any faster than the horses went, but it was steady though, and that's in a year or two after I'd first seen the horses. That's when they started with the tractors.

Oh yes, we liked to go to the livery stables. Oh, maybe they had thirty to forty horses in there. You know, different people, they didn't have no place to keep the horse. The livery stable came. They couldn't go no where. No automobiles. The most all had to have horses. So them these livery stables would take care of them. They had several guys, all the time cleaning them up, feeding them, manure hauling away by the truck loads for fertilizer. The farmers would come and get it. Yeah, we liked to watch that, watch them take care of the horses.

Sometimes we'd go up to the jail to see if anybody was in jail. Across the street from the jail there was a Slovak. He made shoes all the time. We spent quite a bit of time there watching him make shoes. They didn't have modern machinery; they had some machinery, but it was mostly all hand work. I'm telling you, he was good. He was fast, too; he had to be fast (laugh). Hah, if he wasn't fast, how could he make a pair of shoes? He had to sew everything up.

When school was over, the Sisters would always have all those kids in a play. I remember one time (laugh) we done the topsy-turvy thing. We'd get up, put our heads up, sing, put our heads down. The curtain, you know they had a curtain across there; we had old shoes, we had the shoes on our hands and put our shoes up there, and we'd shake them, make off to the music. That was one play that I never forgot. The topsy-turvy play. Up and down; put your head up; shoot the shoes up. Yeah, when they had that, they had the show in a theater. Most everybody in town would go to it. They had a lot of room. Maybe five hundred or six hundred people could sit there.

Listen close to this one. This is good. Eddie and Ben were in a play one time. Ben could sing like no kid could sing. And he was good, too. I think I was maybe seven years old. So, if I was seven, Eddie was nine and Ben was about eleven. They had this play and Ben and Eddie, they were in a scene. Eddie was dressed up like a girl. He was the sister and Ben was the boy. They come out. First thing come out, Eddie come out with an umbrella, singing "Under the Old Umbrella, coming and going from school" (he sings). And then Ben come out and he started, too; " Under the old umbrella, coming and going from school" (he sings). I'm telling you, they could sing. They sang, I think they were clapped back four or five times. The people just wouldn't stop. They wanted them to come back, come back, come back. I'm telling you, they were the biggest hit ever to hit Toluca.

And about the next day; a couple of days maybe, two of the rich women in the town, they come to see my mother. And they said how good Ben was, how good of a singer and they told my mother, they says, "We want to send him away to school. We

want him to be one of these opera singers because he'd be able to do it." My mother listened to him; she shook her head, she says, "No, he's too young, too young." So she finally convinced the ladies maybe some other time. That other time, I guess, would never come because we moved out of Toluca. Yeah, you should have heard them sing that 'Under the old umbrella going and coming from school, see how clouds are dark" (he sings). Yeah, that's it; "see how clouds are dark, coming and going from school" (he sings). Oh, I don't know where they found songs, but it matched them good. Ah, boy oh by. I can't say much more, I think I've said almost everything I can. If I think of anything I will say it later on.

Well, my brother Joe, I don't know, he was probably fourteen years old, ready to go to the coal mine. My father was at the coal mine, he was my dad's partner. All the coal miners had partners. He wasn't there very long, maybe a week or two. A hunk of coal fell down on his finger, almost knocked it off. He had to go to the doctor. They cut it off. He had only a half a finger left. My father come home and he said, "that's all, that's all, no more of my sons going in the coal mine." He talked to my mother. He said, "We're gonna move. We're gonna go to Joliet. There are a lot of factories there. They can all go and work in the factories." When he made up his mind, that was it.

He owned two houses then. He sold them both. I don't know what he got for them, maybe $500, maybe even less. He was so disgusted with his son losing the finger that he said, "No more." That was the only industry in Toluca and all he could do was mine coal. "We've got to go." Ah, I've got to tell you something about a coal miner. My Dad got hurt a lot of places. Even in Europe. But he never had any fingers knocked off or anything like that. And any time in a coal mine, that slate and ah, I can't think of what they call it, it was shiny metal like gold. The called it " Fools Gold", and that had some kind of an acid in it, and anytime you got any kind of cut or scratch or anything, it would show up on you, you'd have a blue streak. My father was all knocked up with these blue streaks. Isn't it funny?

In the meantime, my father quit his job. He had a house built here in about 1908. This was about 1910 that we were ready to move. And he had two lots next door from this house that he had built then. The house was rented out, and, Oh yeah, he says, "I'm going to build a house first." He come and he built a house. He didn't build the house, he built a shack first. He'd add three or four rooms, fix them up so we could move in. When he had this house built and everything.

In the meantime, I don't know, the Can Company wasn't build then yet. They went to Joliet and got jobs, Ben and Eddie; not Ben and Eddie, Ben and Joe. They went to work. My father went back to Toluca; hired this Caponi with the sway back horse. My father rented a half a boxcar. It probably took all day to move the furniture in. We had two hogs. We had to take them, too. They were maybe two hundred, three hundred pounds. They weren't bug enough to kill because the only thing we ever wanted to raise hogs for was the lard, and they had to weigh maybe four hundred or five hundred pounds. So we had two hogs, too, and our furniture in a half a car. They loaded up. Yeh, that night my Dad says, "You know." He said I was the favorite son. He took me. He says, "Come on." Oh yeah, he shipped the rest of them out. They went on a faster train, and me and him went in this boxcar with the furniture. They made us get tickets, too. Separate tickets to ride to Joliet. I had a half fare and he had a full fare. It took practically all night to get to Joliet, the freight and all. It stopped out on the, oh, I'd say a

mile or two from the steel mill on the siding. That was the siding they took the car out to come home. They had to change it from the Santa Fe to the E.J. & E. to come to Rockdale.

We got out. It was dark. By the time we got to the Ruby Street bridge, this was all Saints day. That's in September [November]. It was 1910. We come to this Ruby Street bridge - a lot of people were walking, walking, walking. "Ah," he says, "You know this is All Saint's Day, they all come from church." He says, "The church is down there about three or four blocks," he says, "and we'll go to Oberstar's house first," he says, "and Oberstar, he'll see that our car is moved to Rockdale on the E.J.&E, and he'll make arrangements to have our furniture moved into the house." So, okay, we walked, we got there and Oberstar made all the arrangements. Me and my Dad, we went to Rockdale on the streetcar. I don't know, maybe we waited a day or two, and Oberstar showed up and he says, "The freight car is in." He says, "I brought it in and it's somewhere in the Rockdale Wire Mill." He says, "Now we got to get somebody to haul it." I don't think there's any horses or teams here at that time or anything. "Ah," he says, "Golobitch, over here, the coal man, he says he's got a team." He says, "I'll send him down and he'll move the stuff." So the next morning he sent him down, and Oberstar said, "I'll need some more help." My father and the driver of this wagon, and he went out to the gate where the guys would come in looking for jobs, and he knew an Austrian guy, Slovenian, looking for a job and he asked him if he'd work just one day moving. He said, "Yes." He helped to move. They moved furniture and hogs and all. It took about a day. Eddie and Ben were working. I don't know where, maybe at the steel mill. I don't know. Anyway, they were working. I was ten or eleven years old, you know, things are not clear right away.

Well, anyway, my Dad had to build another shed for the hogs. Oh yeah, and the house wasn't big enough. He had to put another addition on. He started on that, too. That took a couple of months. But we all squeezed in them three rooms. We lived okay.

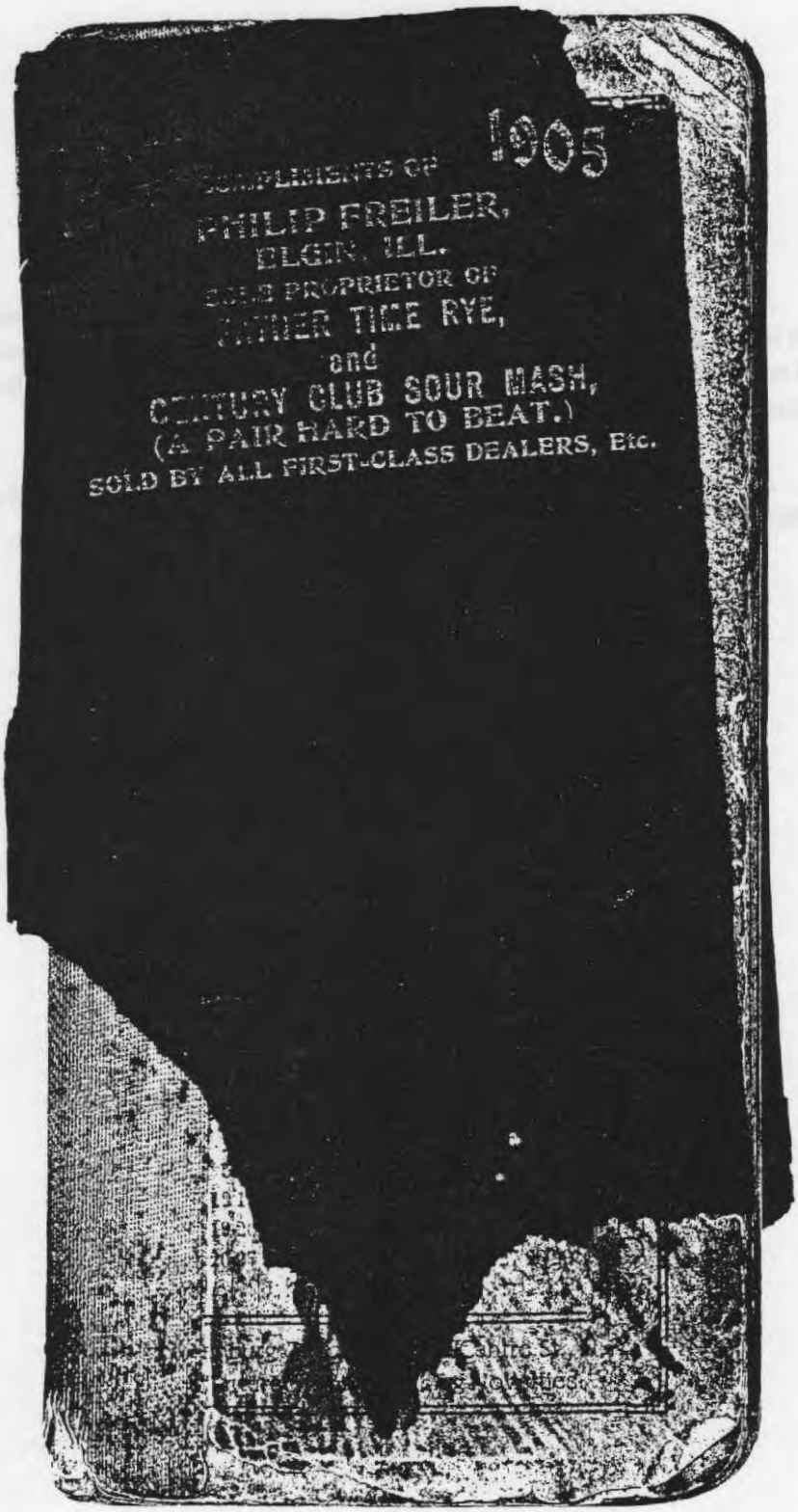
So we all went to school. September, that's just about when the new term of school starts. We went - went to school. I think I was in the fourth grade at the time. Maybe third, I don't know. But anyway, we went to school. The changeover at school wasn't much. Reading, arithmetic was about the same, so I didn't have much trouble.

Appendix II

Anton Oberstar's Dream Diary

Anton Oberstar kept a dream book, in which he recorded dreams. He used to ask people about their dreams and had aspirations of someday writing a book about dreams. Anton recorded his notes in a booklet printed in 1905; the first complete date including year is on the thirteenth double page and is 9-7-08.

The following thirty-five pages are copies of Anton Oberstar's dream book. A translation of these pages follows.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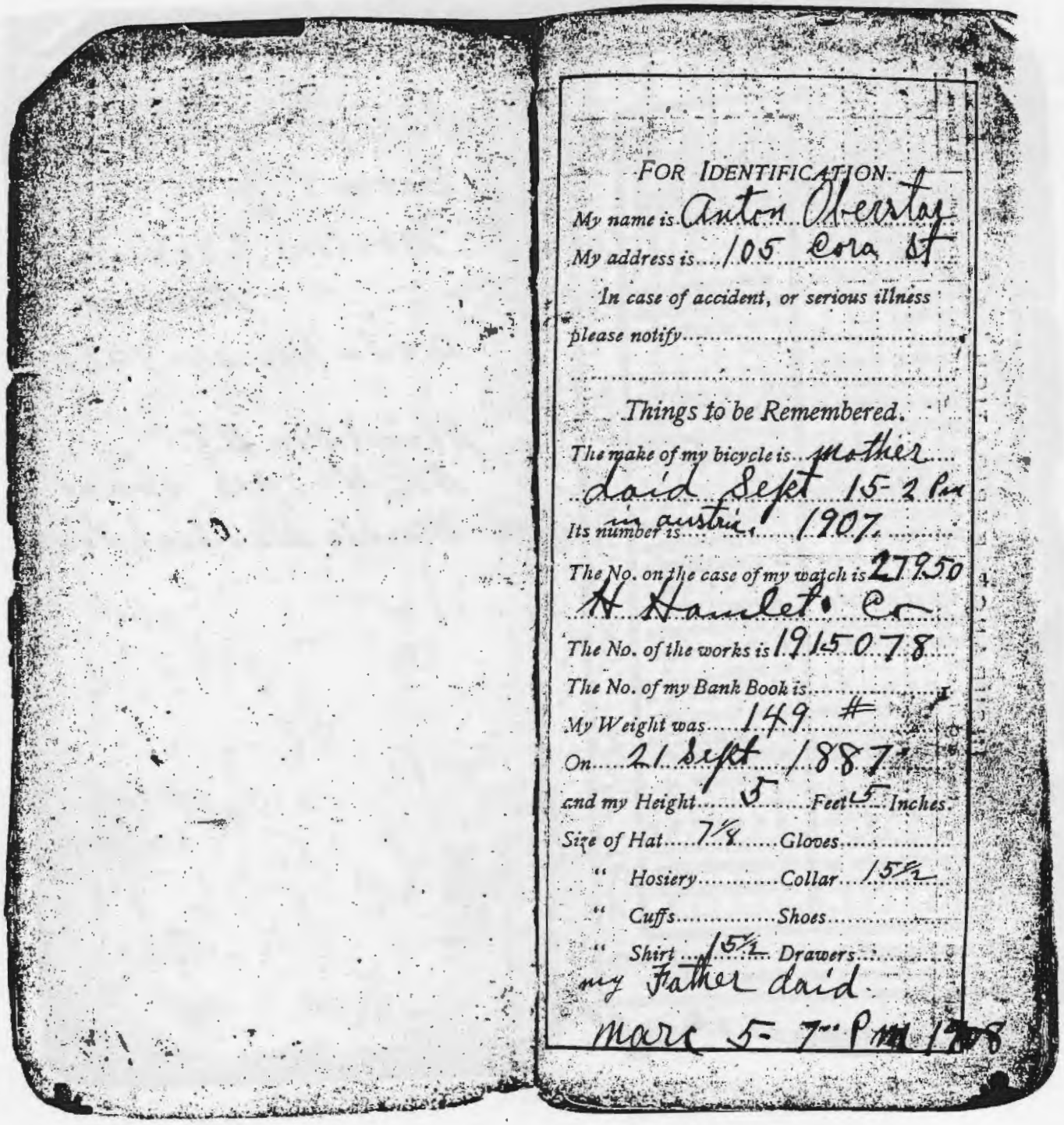

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My address is 105 Cora St

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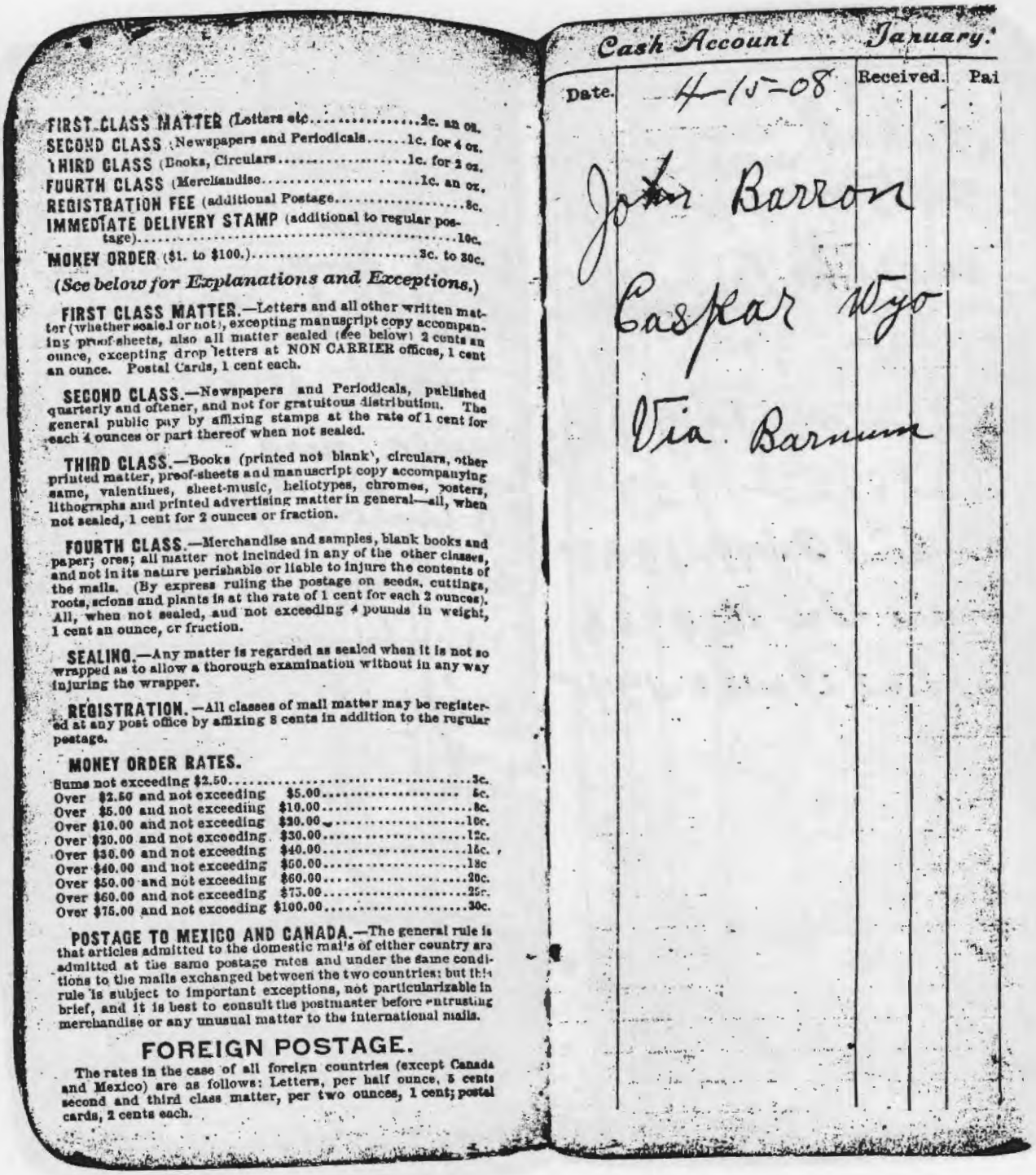

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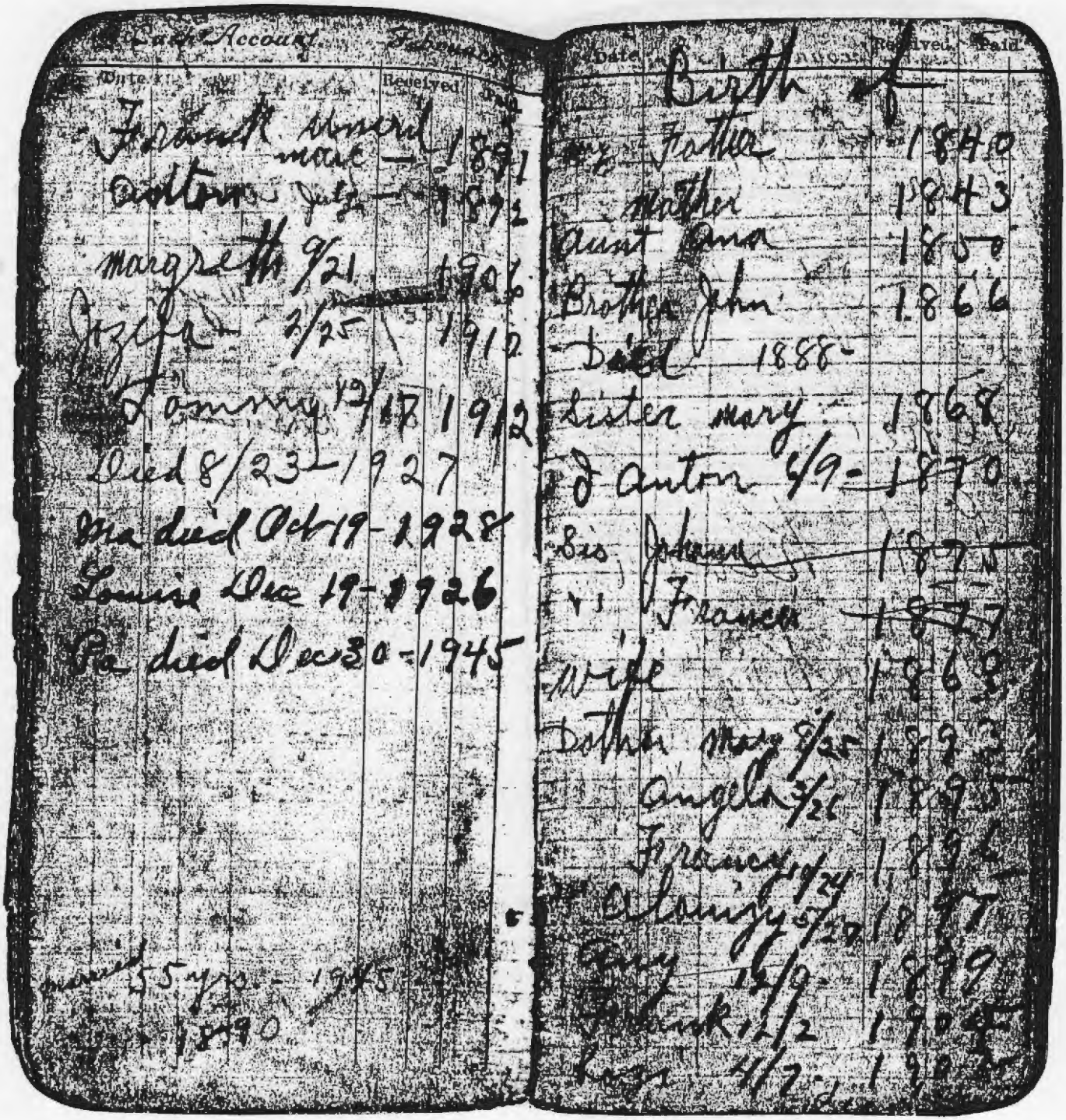

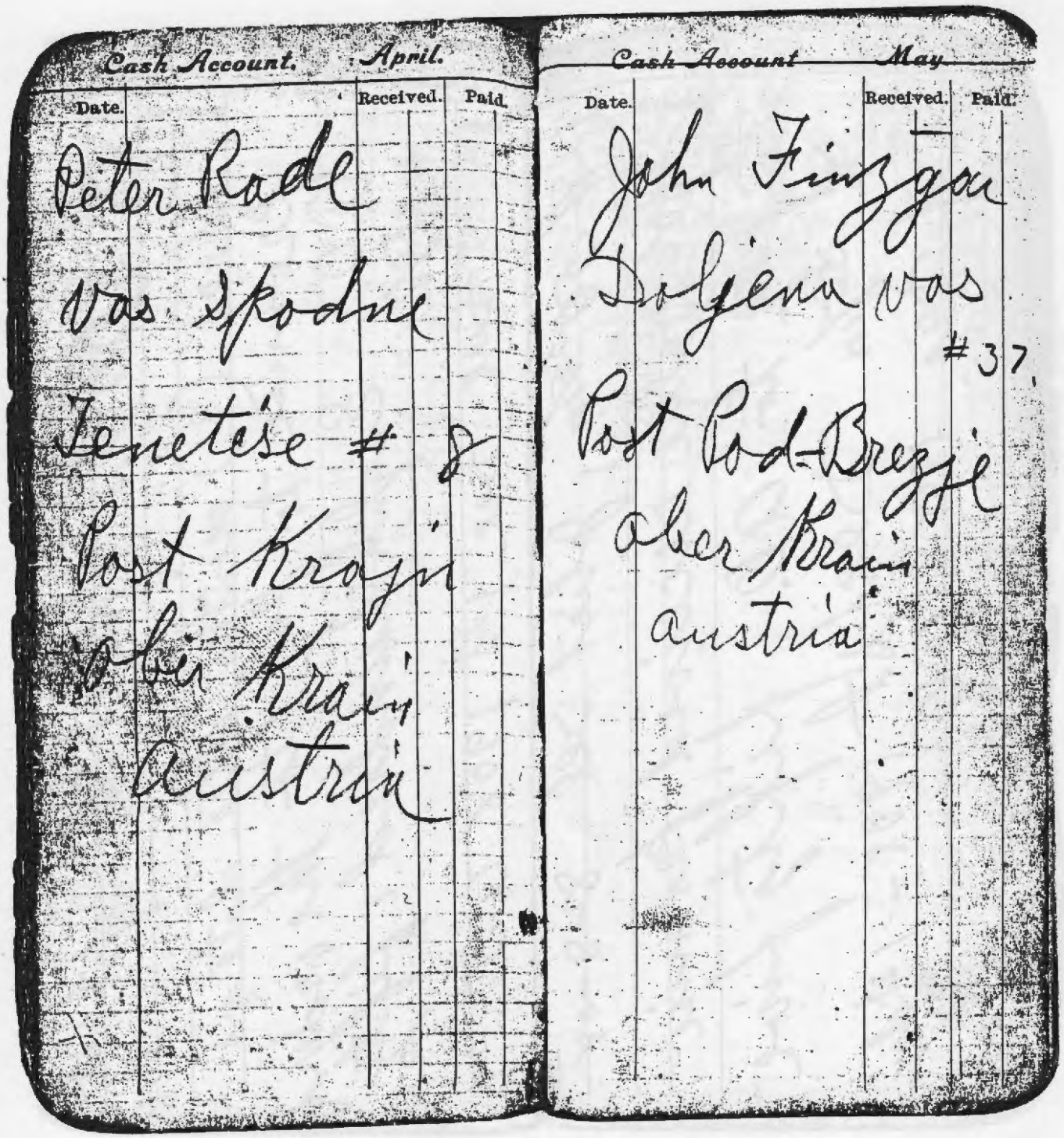

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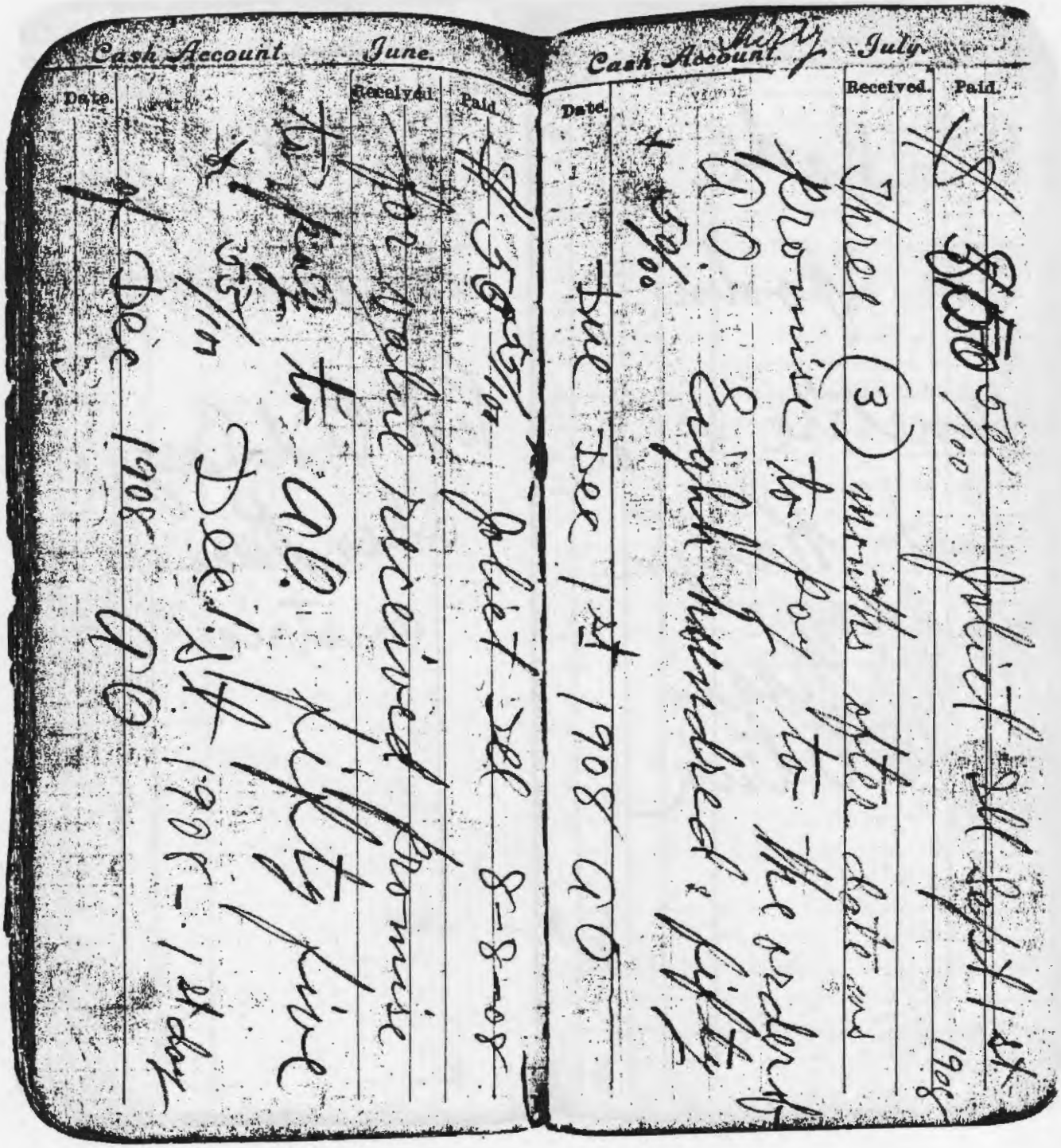

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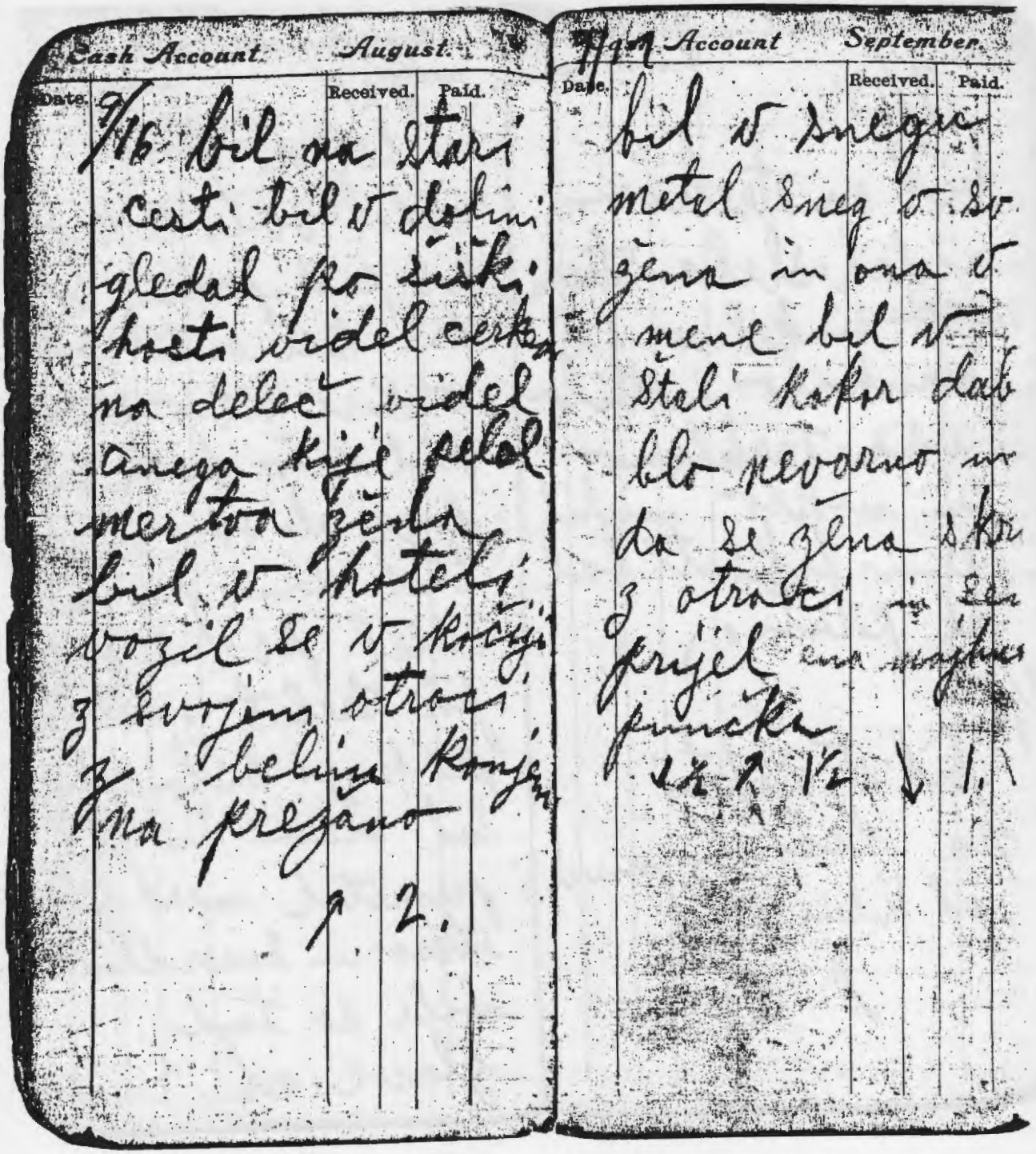
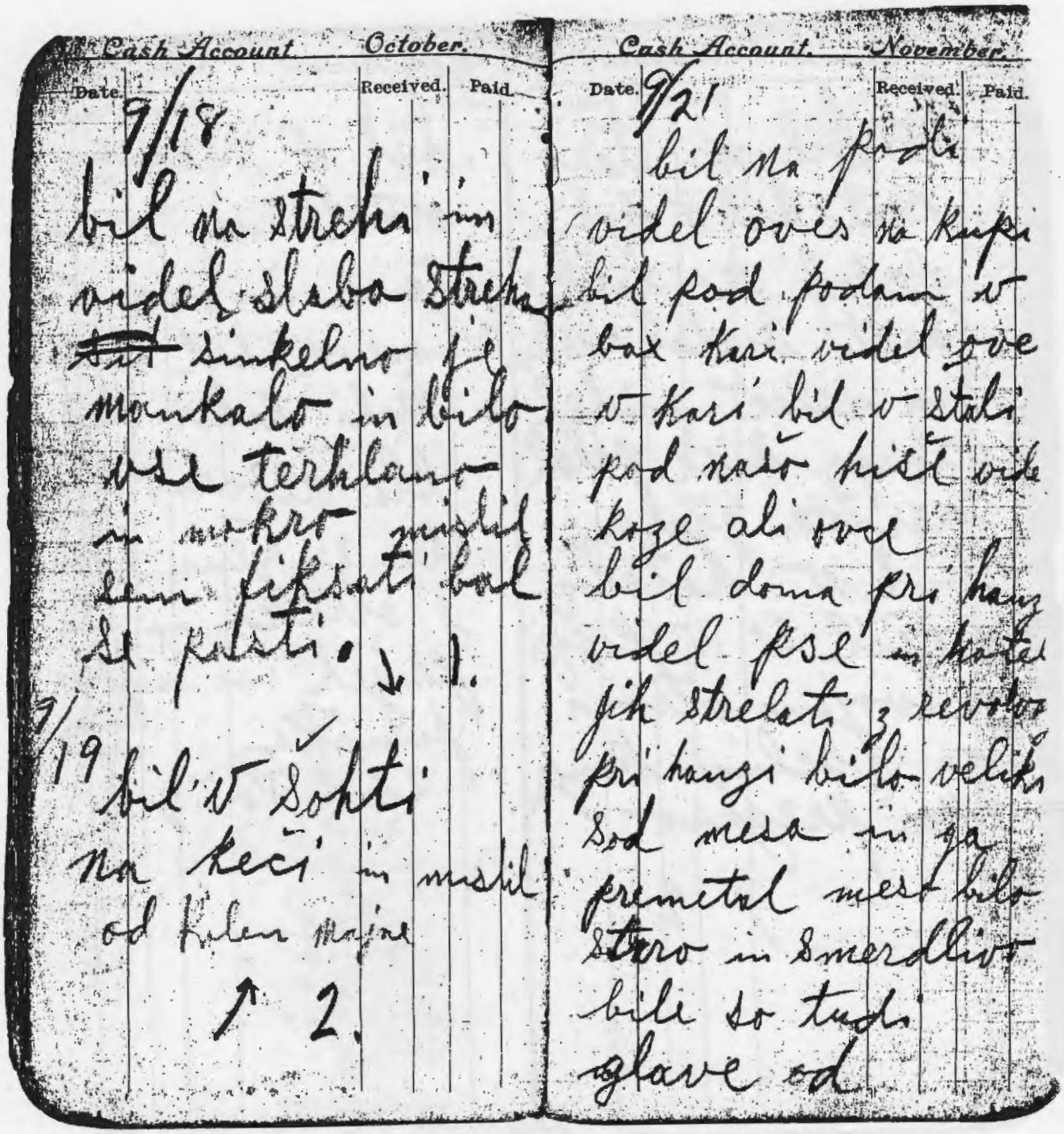


Cash Account. August.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
9/16	bil na stari cesti bil v dolini gledal po sitki hoti videl cerkev na delec videl Anega kje pelal mertvo žensko bil v hotelu vozil se v krogu z svojim otrokom z belim konjem na pregano p 2.		

Cash Account September.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
	bil v snegu metal sneg v sobo žena in ona v mene bil v stali kakor dab blo nevarno ne da se žena skrbi z otroci in ker prijel ena mojhna punčka ↓ ↗ 1½ ↘ 1.		

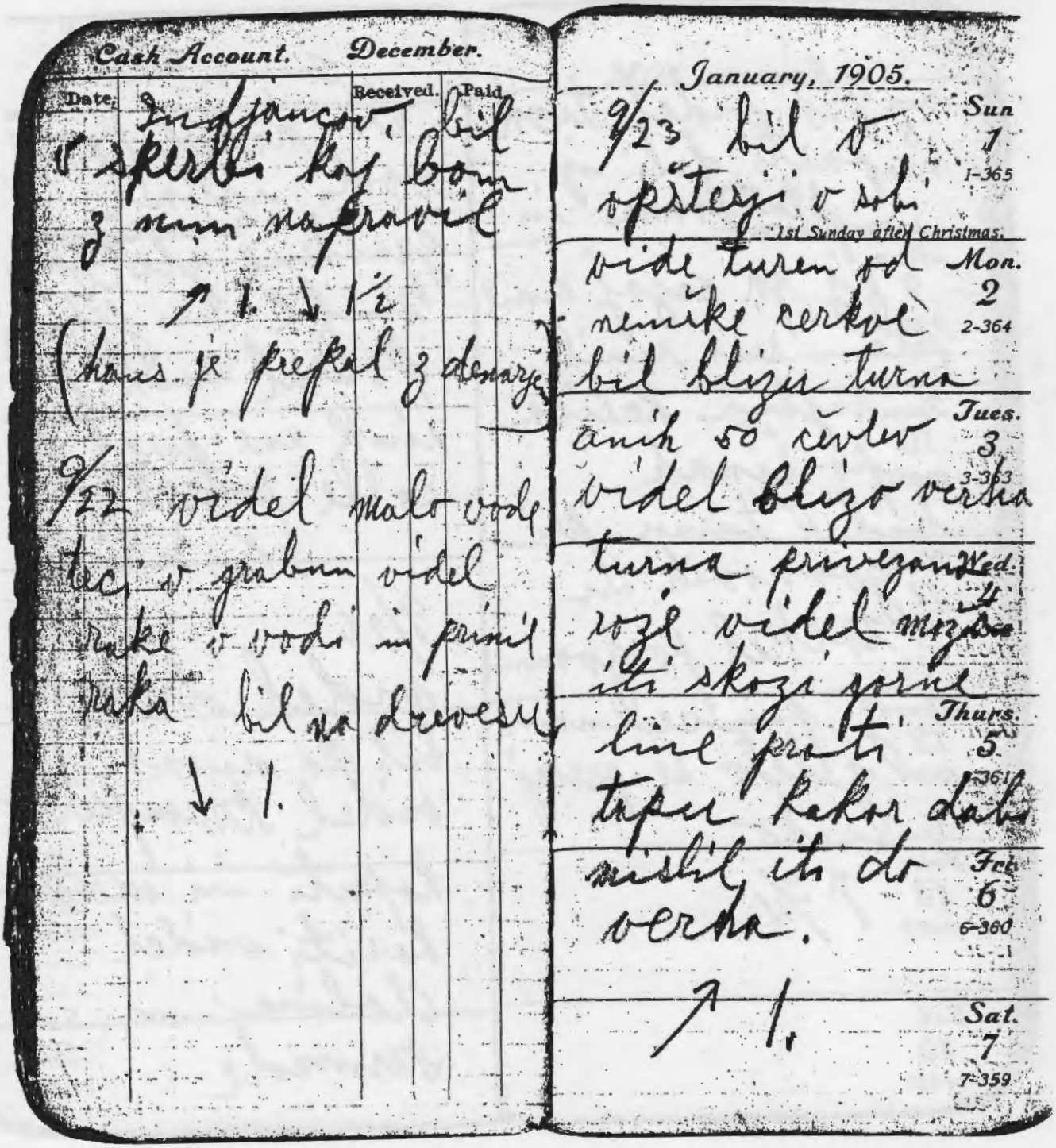


Cash Account October.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
9/18	bil na streho in videl slabo streho ~~sin~~ sinkelno fl. Monkalo in bilo vse terhlano in mokro mislil sem fiksati bom si pustil. ↓ 1.		
9/19	bil v Šohti na kreči in mislil od Kolen Majer ↑ 2.		

Cash Account. November.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
9/21	bil na Prodi videl ovčes na Kupi bil pod podam v bax kari videl ove v kari bil v stali pod nato hišo videl koze ali ovce bil doma pri hanzi videl psa in hotel jih strelati z revolv pri hanzi bilo velik Sod mesa in ga premetal mesto bilo staro in smerdlivo bili so tudi glave od		

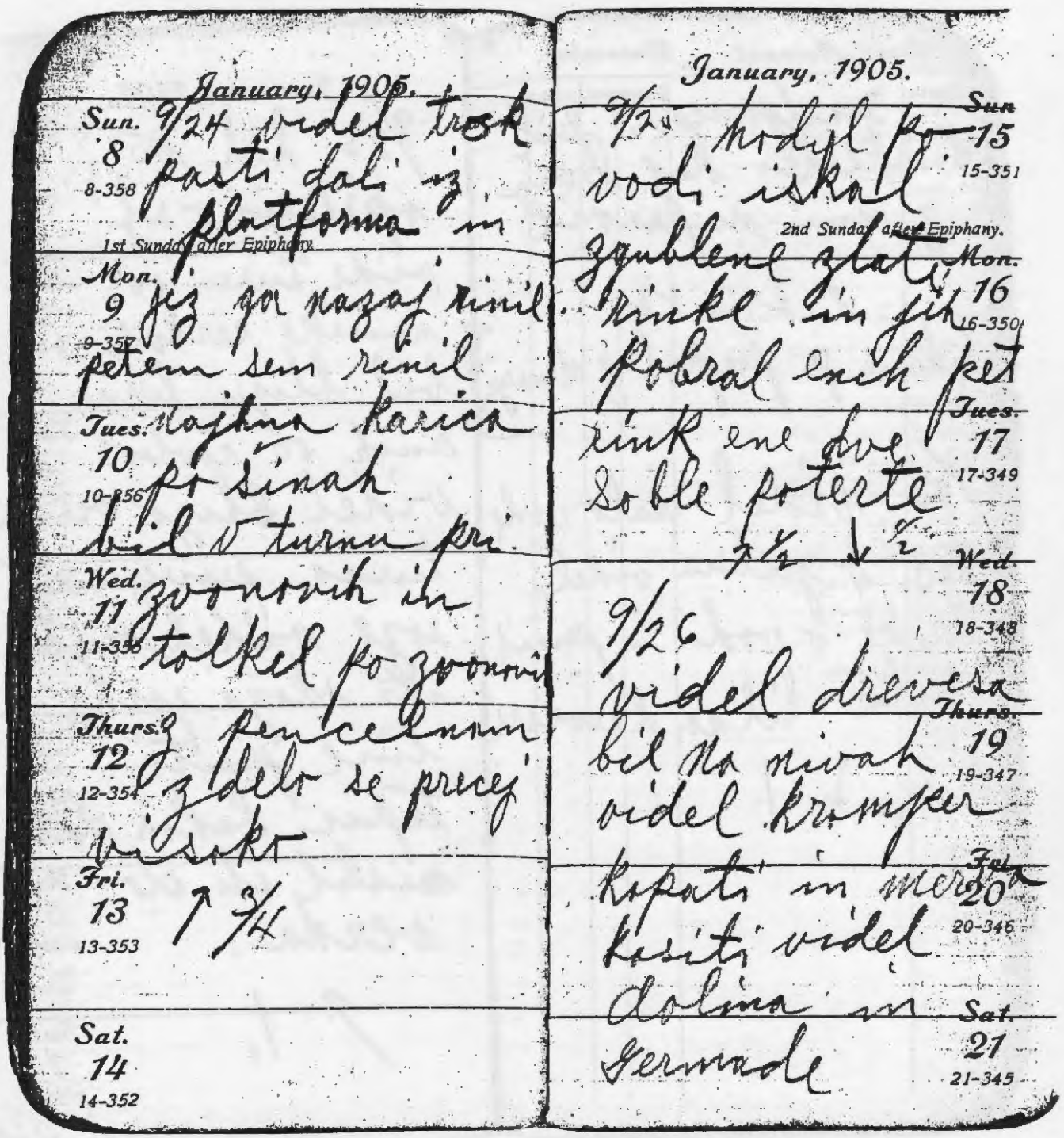


Cash Account. December.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
	Infijanca, bil v skerli kej bom z nim naprave[l]		
	↗ 1. ↘ 1/2		
	(hans je prepal z denarjem		
9/22	videl malo vode teč v grabnu videl reke v vodi in prinil raka bil na drevesu		
	↓ 1.		

January, 1905.

9/23	bil v	Sun 1 1-365
	opšteji v sobi	1st Sunday after Christmas.
	vide turen od	Mon. 2 2-364
	nemške cerkve	
	bil blizu turna	
	anih so čevlev	Tues. 3 3-363
	videl blizo verha	
	turna privezan	Wed. 4
	roje videl mrzlo	
	iti skozi gorne	
	line proti	Thurs. 5 5-361
	taper kakor dalo	
	nisbil ita do	Fri 6 6-360
	verha.	
	↗ 1.	Sat. 7 7-359



January. 1905.

Sun. 8 — 8-358 — 1st Sunday after Epiphany.
9/24 videl trsk pasti dali z platforma in

Mon. 9 — 9-357
jz go nazaj nisil pekem sem nisil

Tues. 10 — 10-356
Najhuda karica pr Sinah bil v turnu pri

Wed. 11 — 11-355
zvonovih in tolkel po zvonovih

Thurs. 12 — 12-354
z penicelnom zdelo se precej

Fri. 13 — 13-353
mrzlo ↑ 3/4

Sat. 14 — 14-352

January. 1905.

Sun. 15 — 15-351 — 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
9/25 hodil po vodi iskal

Mon. 16 — 16-350
zgubleno zlato rinkel in jih

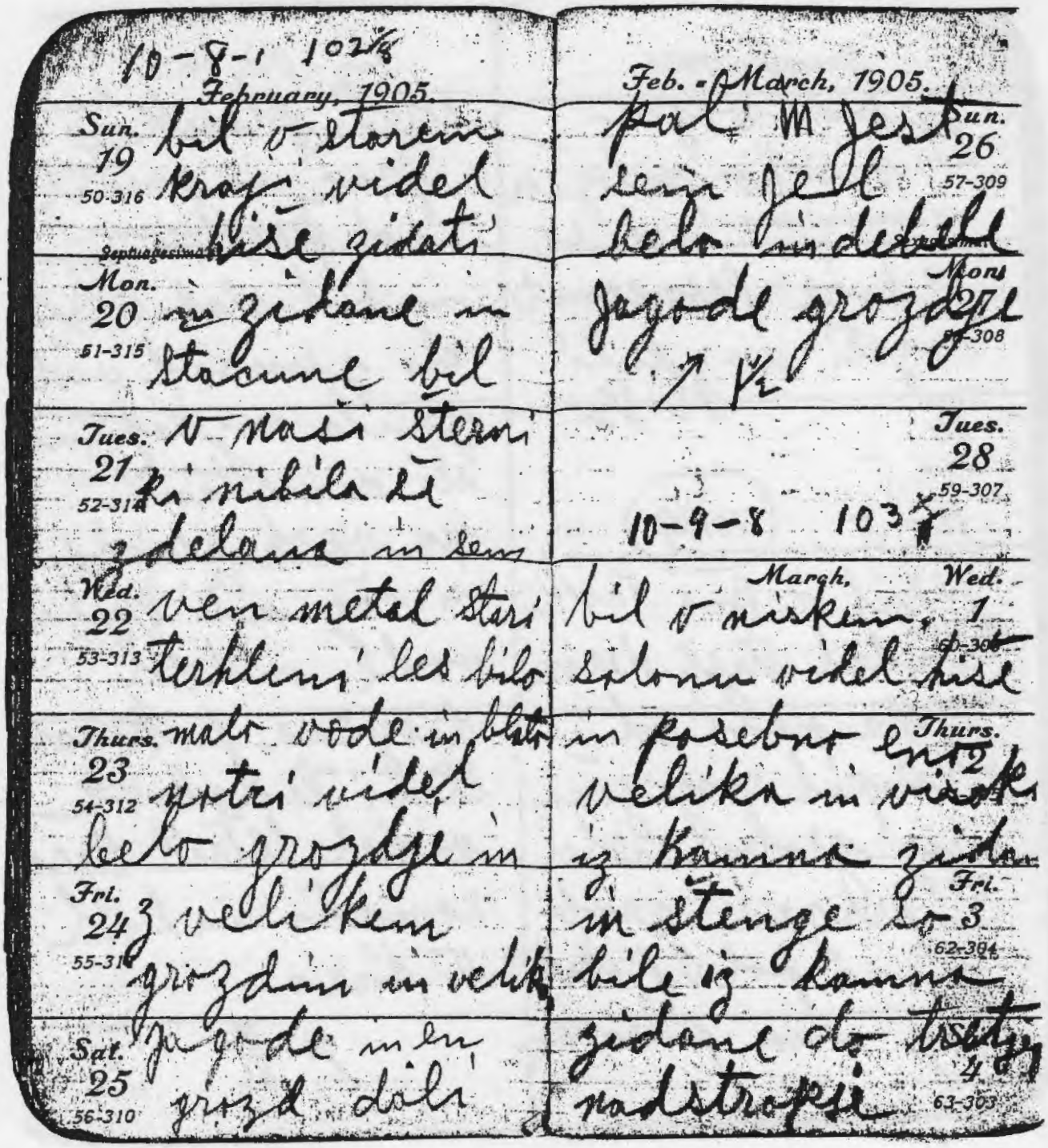
Tues. 17 — 17-349
pobral vseh pet rink ene dve

Wed. 18 — 18-348
3 doble poterte ↑ 1/2 ↓ 1/2
9/26

Thurs. 19 — 19-347
videl drevesa bil na nivah

Fri. 20 — 20-346
videl krompeer kopati in mero

Sat. 21 — 21-345
kositi videl dolina in Germade



10-8-1 102¼

February, 1905.

Sun. 19 50-316 bil v storecim kraju videl lise zidati

Septuagesima

Mon. 20 51-315 ne zidane in stacune bil

Tues. 21 52-314 v nasi steni ki nikdar ze zdelana ne bom

Wed. 22 53-313 ven metal stari terklem' led bilo

Thurs. 23 54-312 malo vode in blato vrtci videl lepo grozdje in

Frl. 24 55-31 z velikim grozdjem in velik

Sat. 25 56-310 jagode in en grizd dalj

Feb. - March, 1905.

pal MA jest Sun. 26 57-309 sem jedel belo in debelo

Mons 27 58-308 jagode grozdje ↗ ½

Tues. 28 59-307

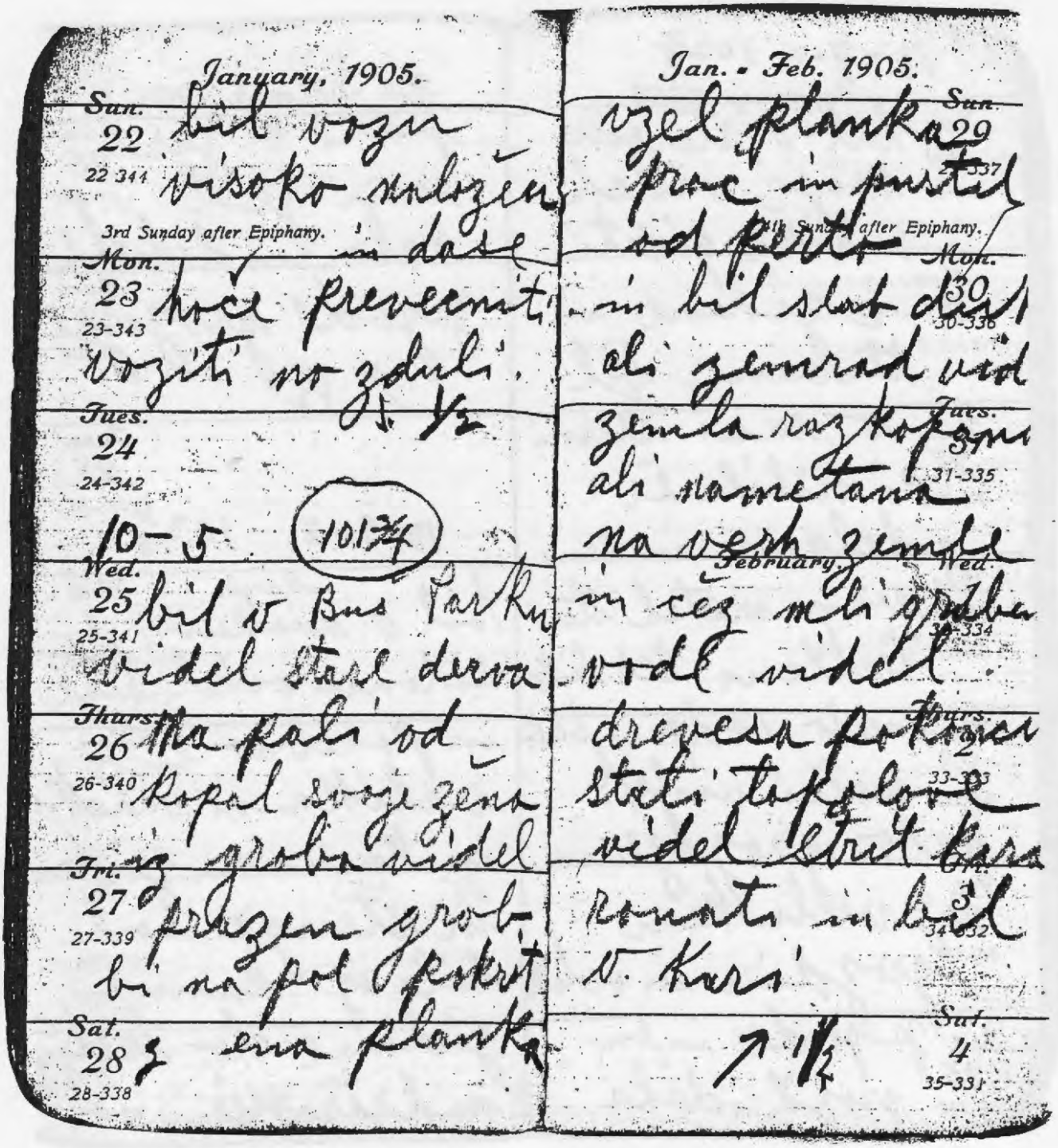
10-9-8 103¼

March. Wed. 1 60-306 bil v niskem, sirokem videl lise in posebno en 12 velika in visoka iz kamna zidana

Thurs. 2 61-305 in stenge 3 bile iz kamna

Fri. 3 62-304 zidane do tretje

4 63-303 nadstropje

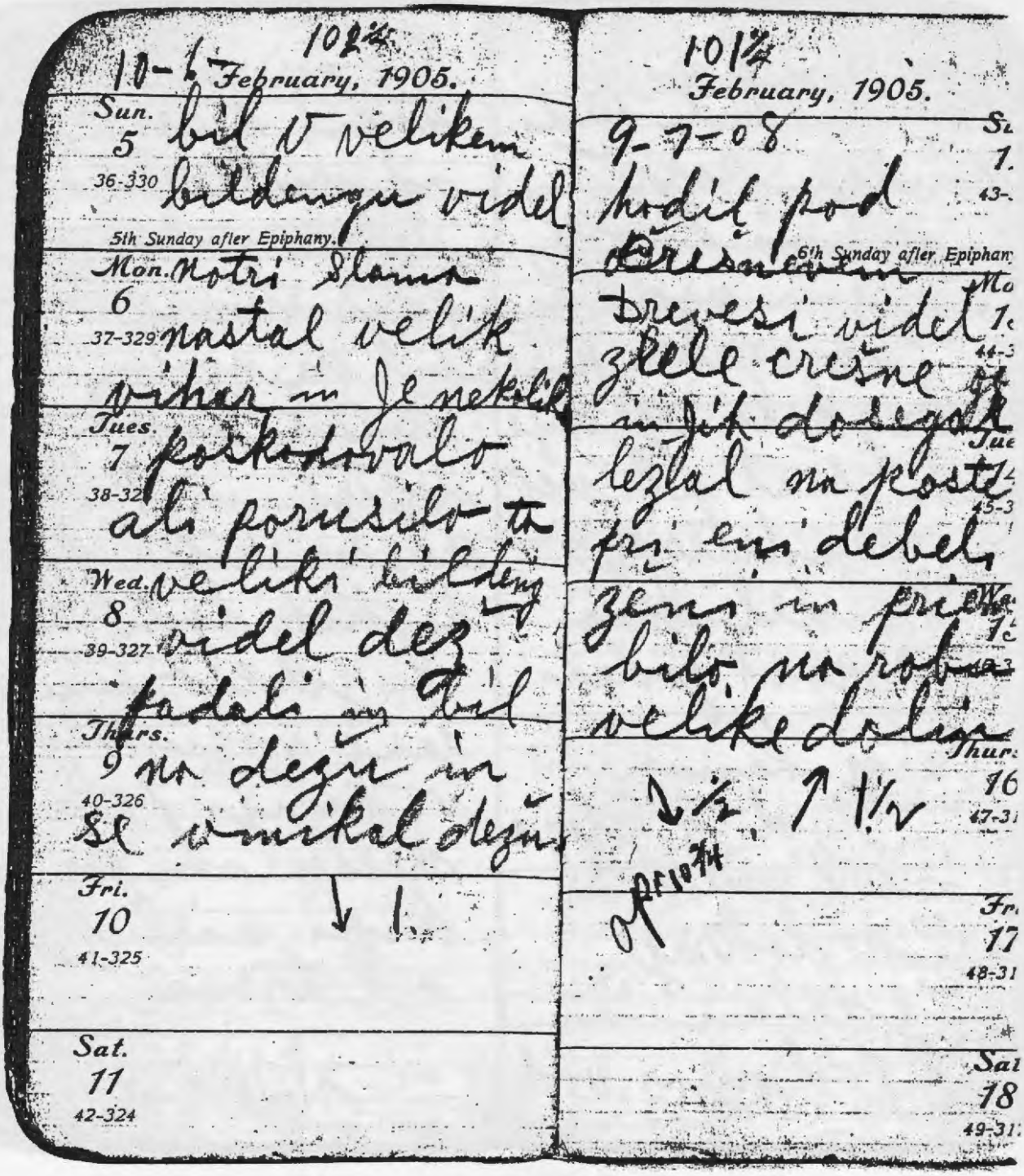


January, 1905.

Sun. 22 22-341 bil voza visoko naložen in dase
3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
Mon. 23 23-343 hoče prevecemit voziti no zdulj. ½
Tues. 24 24-342
10-5 (101¾)
Wed. 25 25-341 bil v Bus Parku videl stare dervа
Thurs. 26 26-340 Ma pali od Kopal svoje žena grobu videl
Fri. 27 27-339 prazen grob bi na pol pokrit
Sat. 28 28-338 ena planka

Jan. - Feb. 1905.

Sun. 29 29-337 vzel planka prec in pustil od perte
4th Sunday after Epiphany.
Mon. 30 30-336 in bil slab dan ali zemrad vid zemla raz kopan
Tues. 31 31-335 ali nanesena na vseh zemlo
February.
Wed. 1 1-334 in cez mli grobu vodl videl
Thurs. 2 2-333 drevesa pokrita stati tu polom videl stari kara
Fri. 3 3-332 Romata in bil v Kari
Sat. 4 4-331 ↗ 1½

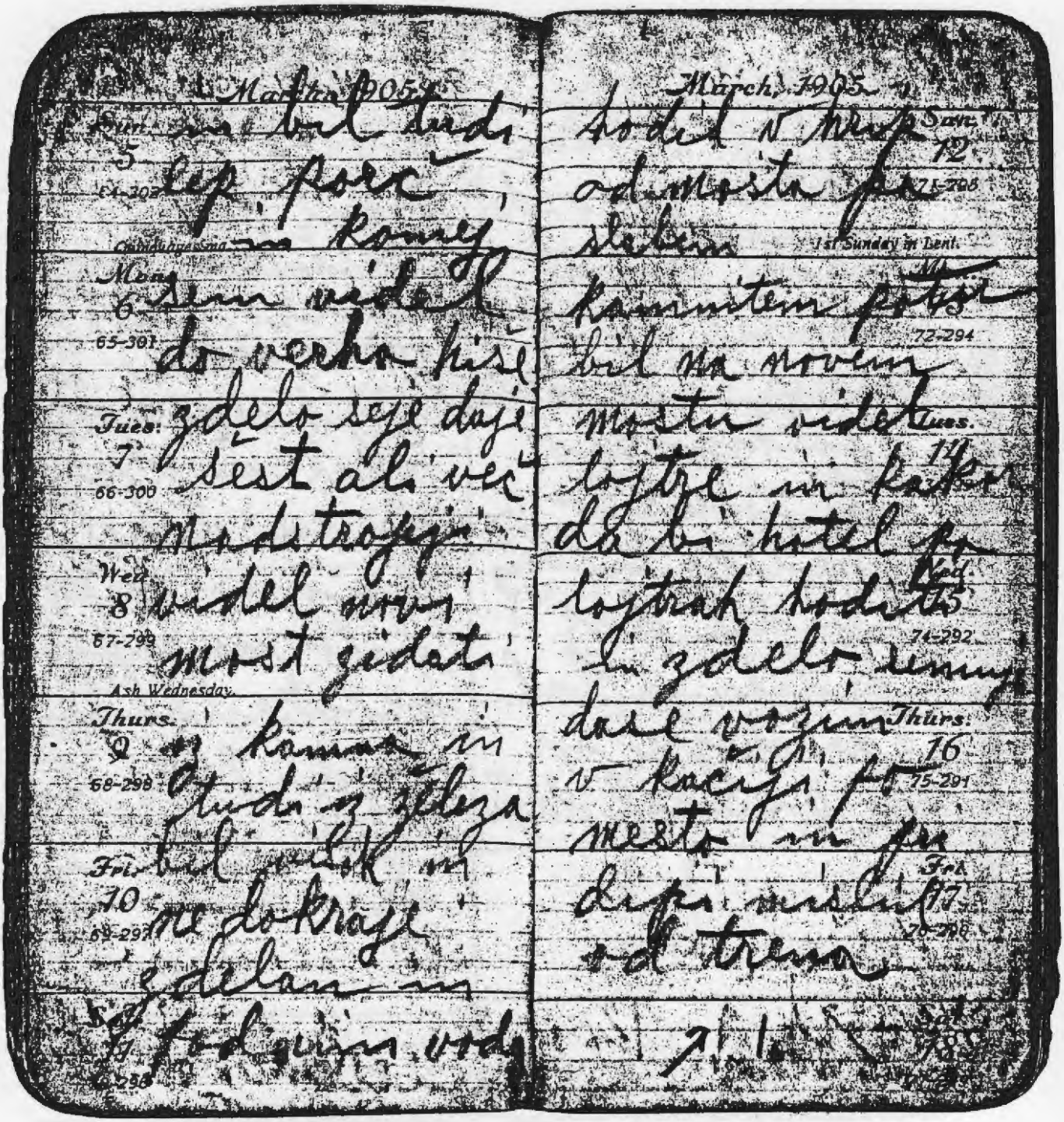


10-1 February, 1905.

Sun. 5 bil v velikem
36-330 beldengu videl
5th Sunday after Epiphany.
Mon. Kotri Slamn
6 nastal velik
37-329 vihar in je nekli
Tues. 7 podrobvalo
38-32 ali porusilo tu
Wed. velik bildeng
8 videl dez
39-327 padali na dul
Thurs. 9 na dezju in
40-326 se umikal dezju
Fri. 10 ↓ l.
41-325
Sat. 11
42-324

101½ February, 1905.

9-7-08
hodil pod
Sunday after Epiphany
drevesi videl
zelle crsne
in dik dolgah
lezal na poste
fri eni debel
zem in pri
bilo na rob
velike dolin
↓ ½ ↑ 1½
Apr 10 74

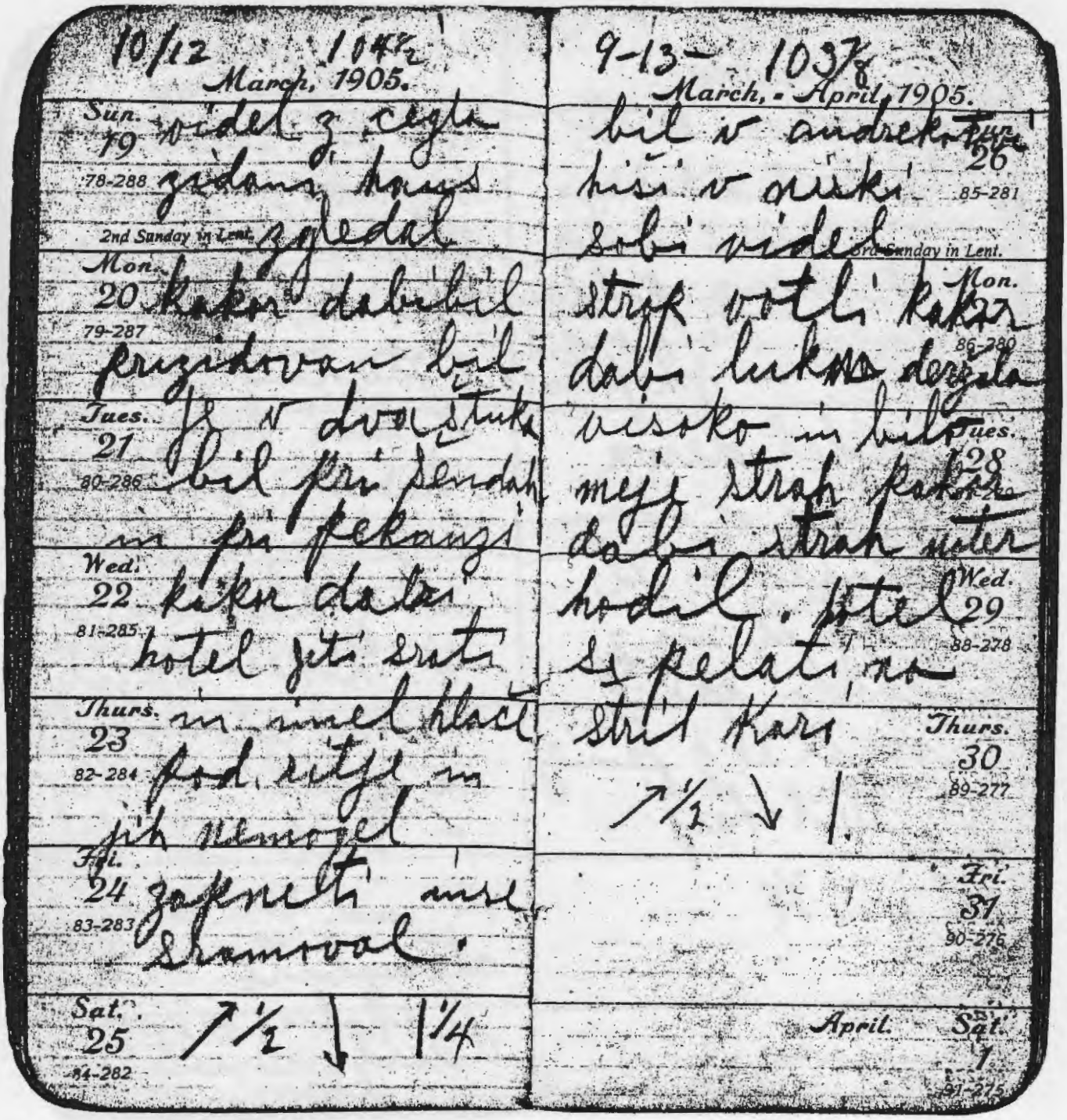


March 1905

Sun. 5 64-302 Lep pozc
Cand. Lenten Sun.
Mon. 6 65-301 Sem videl
Tues. 7 66-300 Sest ali vec
Wed. 8 67-299 videl novo
Ash Wednesday
Thurs. 9 68-298 Z kamna in
Fri. 10 69-297 bel vidik in
Sat. 11 70-296 Z delam na

March 1905

Sun. 12 71-295 do del v Mrzlo
1st Sunday in Lent.
72-294 kamnitem potu
Mon. 13 73-293 bil na novem
Tues. 14 74-292 Mestu videl
Wed. Ember 15 75-291 lepe in kakor
Thurs. 16 75-291 da bi hotel
Fri. 17 76-290 kotrak hodit
Sat. 18 77-289 Z delo zemljo
Thurs. dare vozim
16 75-291 v kacji po
Fri. 17 76-290 mesto in po
Sat. 18 77-289 dopoludne
od tram

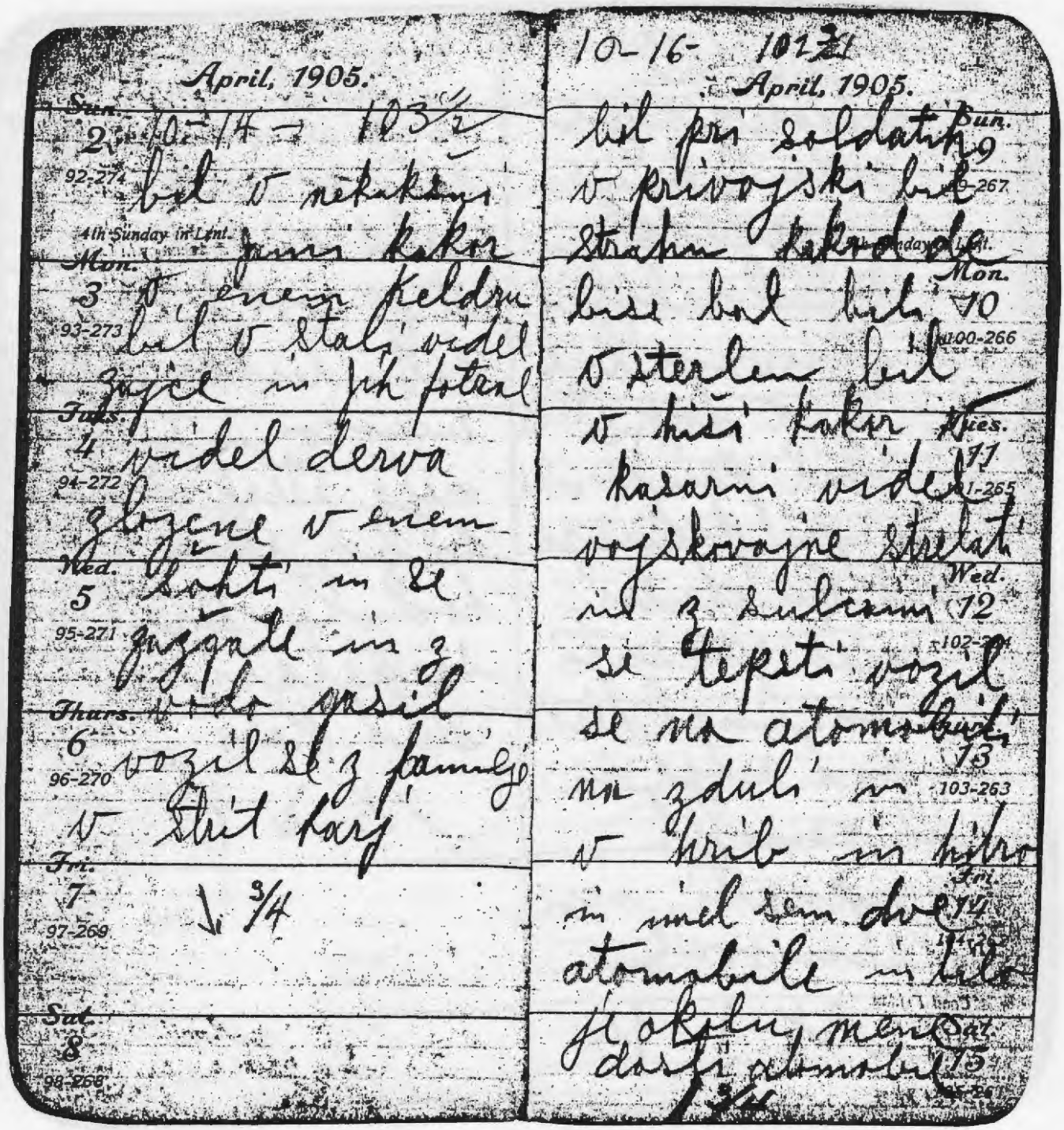


10/12 104½
March, 1905.

Sun. 19 videl z cesta
78-288 zidano hrago
2nd Sunday in Lent. zgledat
Mon. 20 kakor dabelbil
79-287 prezidovan bil
Tues. 21 bil pri pendah
80-286 in pri pekovzi
Wed. 22 kakor dalec
81-285 hotel jets sreti
Thurs. 23 in imel klace
82-284 pod ritjo in
jih nemogel
Fri. 24 zaprneti ust
83-283 skamroal.
Sat. 25 ↗½ ↓ 1¼
84-282

9-13 103⅞
March, - April, 1905.

bil v andrekovi
hisi v oriski 26
sobi videl 85-281
3rd Sunday in Lent.
Mon. stryk votli kakor
86-280 dabi lukna dezela
visoko in bil
Tues. mej strah kakor 28
87-279 dabi strah mater
Wed. hodil. hotel 29
88-278 se pelati na
strit kam
Thurs. ↗½ ↓ 30
89-277
Fri. 31
90-276
April. Sat. 1
91-275



April, 1905.

Sun. 2 92-274 4th Sunday in Lent.
10-14-103½
bel v nekakšni jami kakor

Mon. 3 93-273
bel v enem feldnu bel v stali videl

Tues. 4 94-272
Zajca in jih fotal videl derva

Wed. 5 95-271
složene v enem šahti in že jagnjade in 3 vida gasil

Thurs. 6 96-270
vozil že z jamo v Shit Lary

Fri. 7 97-269
3/4

Sat. 8 98-268

10-16-102½
April, 1905.

Sun. 9 99-267
bil pri soldatih v privoyski bil Stratan tekrodele

Mon. 10 100-266
bise bal bil v sterlem bil v hiši kakor

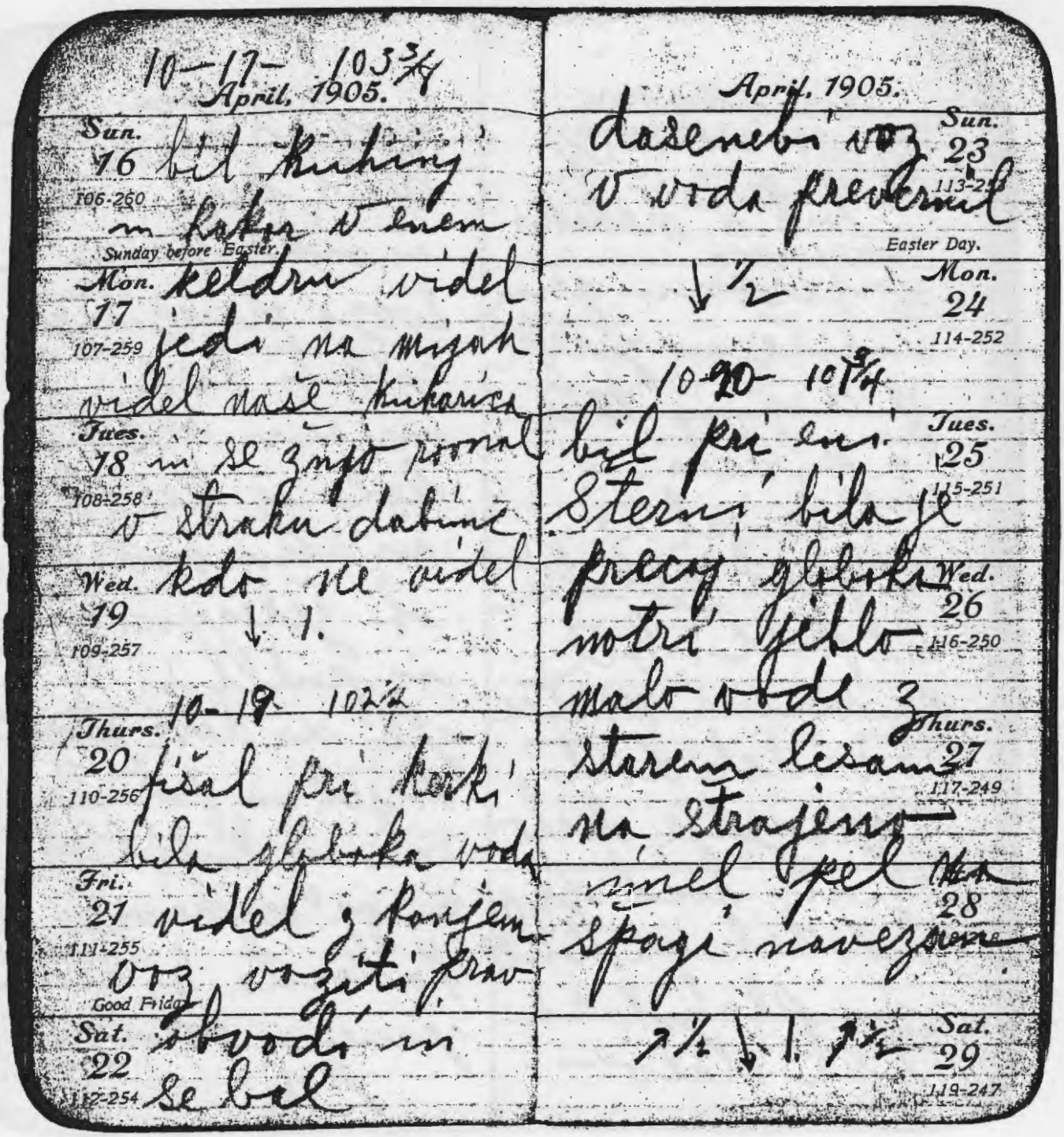
Tues. 11 101-265
kazarni videl vojskovajne streljati

Wed. 12 102-264
in z sulicami se tepeti vozil

13 103-263
se na atomobili zdali in v hrib in hitro

Fri. 14 104-262
in med sem dve atomobile in bile

Sat. 15 105-261
flokolu meri dasi atomobil
3/4



10-17- 103¾
April, 1905.

Sun. 16 106-260 bil kuhinj m kakor v enem Sunday before Easter.

Mon. 17 107-259 keldru videl jedi na mizah videl naše kuharico

Tues. 18 108-258 in se zmot prevrnil v straku dalinc

Wed. 19 109-257 kdo ne videl ↓ 1.

10-19- 102½

Thurs. 20 110-256 fišal pri kuki bila globoka voda

Fri. 21 111-255 videl z konjem Good Friday voz vozit drv

Sat. 22 112-254 vodi in se bel

April. 1905.

Sun. 23 113-25 dasenebo voz v voda prevrnil Easter Day.

↓ ½

Mon. 24 114-252

10-20- 10¾

Tues. 25 115-251 bil pri ens. Sterni bila je precej globoka

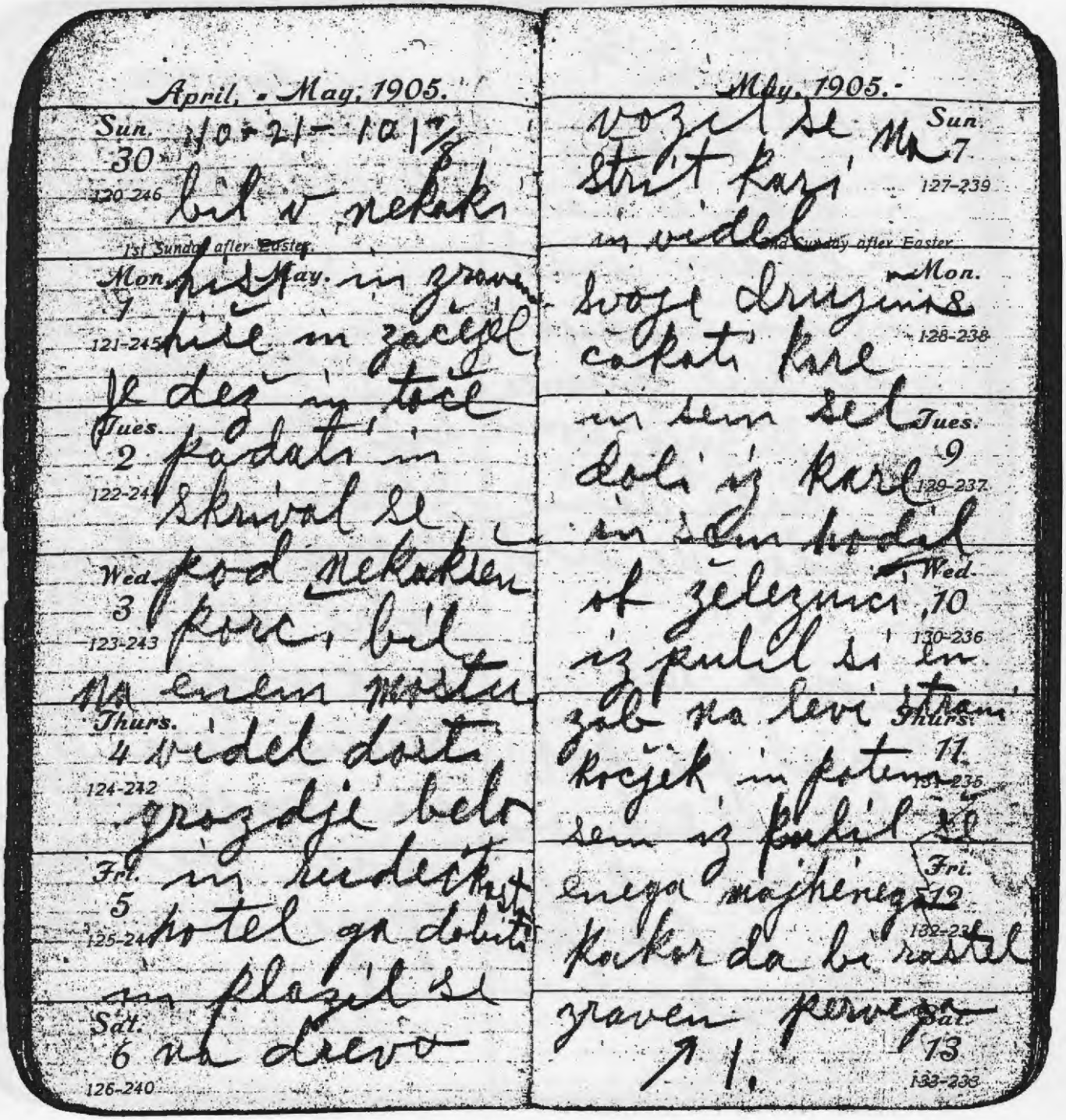
Wed. 26 116-250 motri gibo malo vode z

Thurs. 27 117-249 starem lesam na strajeni

Fri. 28 vzel pel Velka Špaji navezovre

↗ ½ ↓ 1. ↗ ½

Sat. 29 119-247

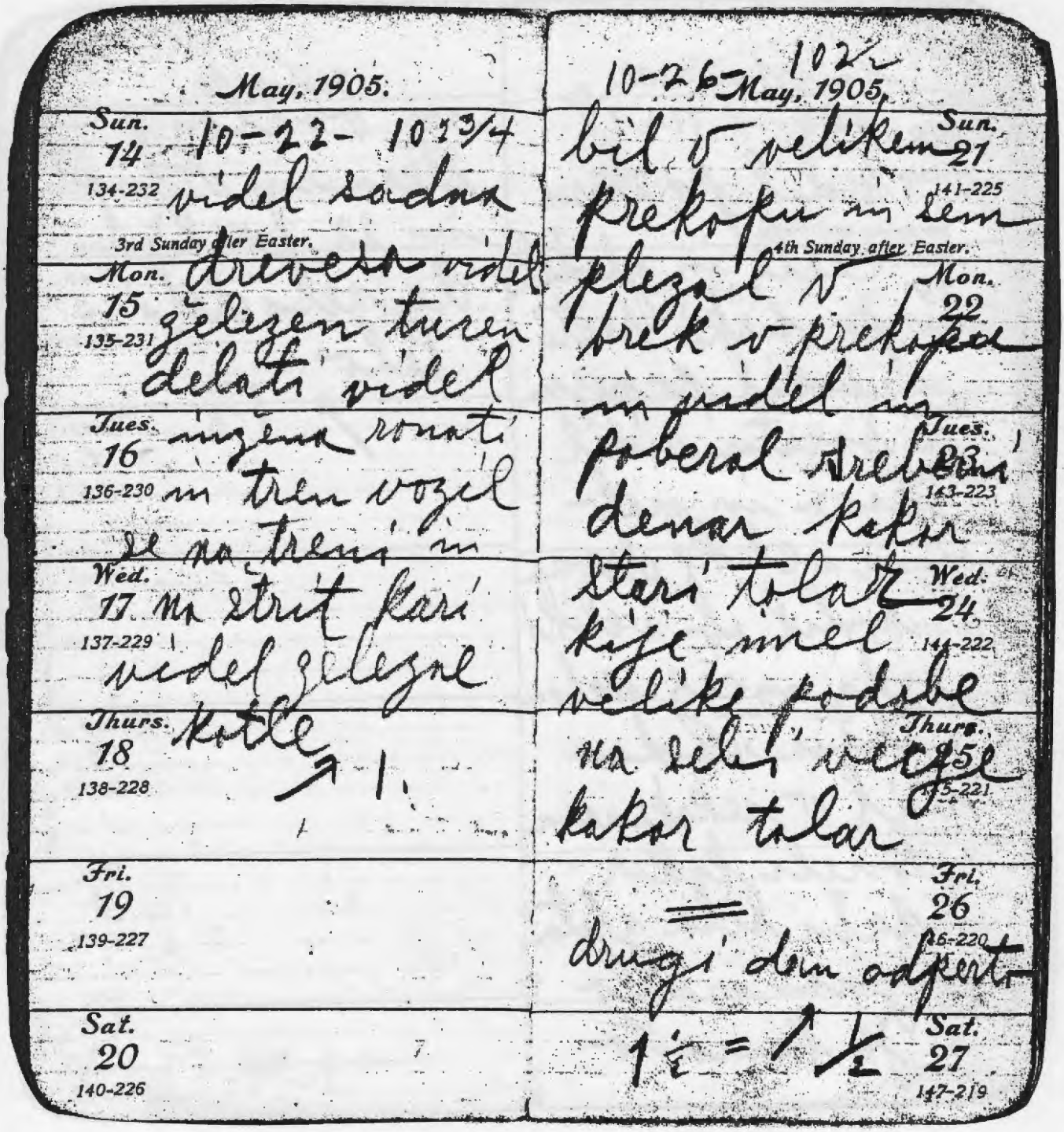


April, - May, 1905.

Sun. 30 — 120-246 — 1st Sunday after Easter.
Mon. 1 — 121-245
Tues. 2 — 122-244
Wed. 3 — 123-243
Thurs. 4 — 124-242
Fri. 5 — 125-241
Sat. 6 — 126-240

May, 1905.

Sun. 7 — 127-239 — 2nd Sunday after Easter.
Mon. 8 — 128-238
Tues. 9 — 129-237
Wed. 10 — 130-236
Thurs. 11 — 131-235
Fri. 12 — 132-234
Sat. 13 — 133-233

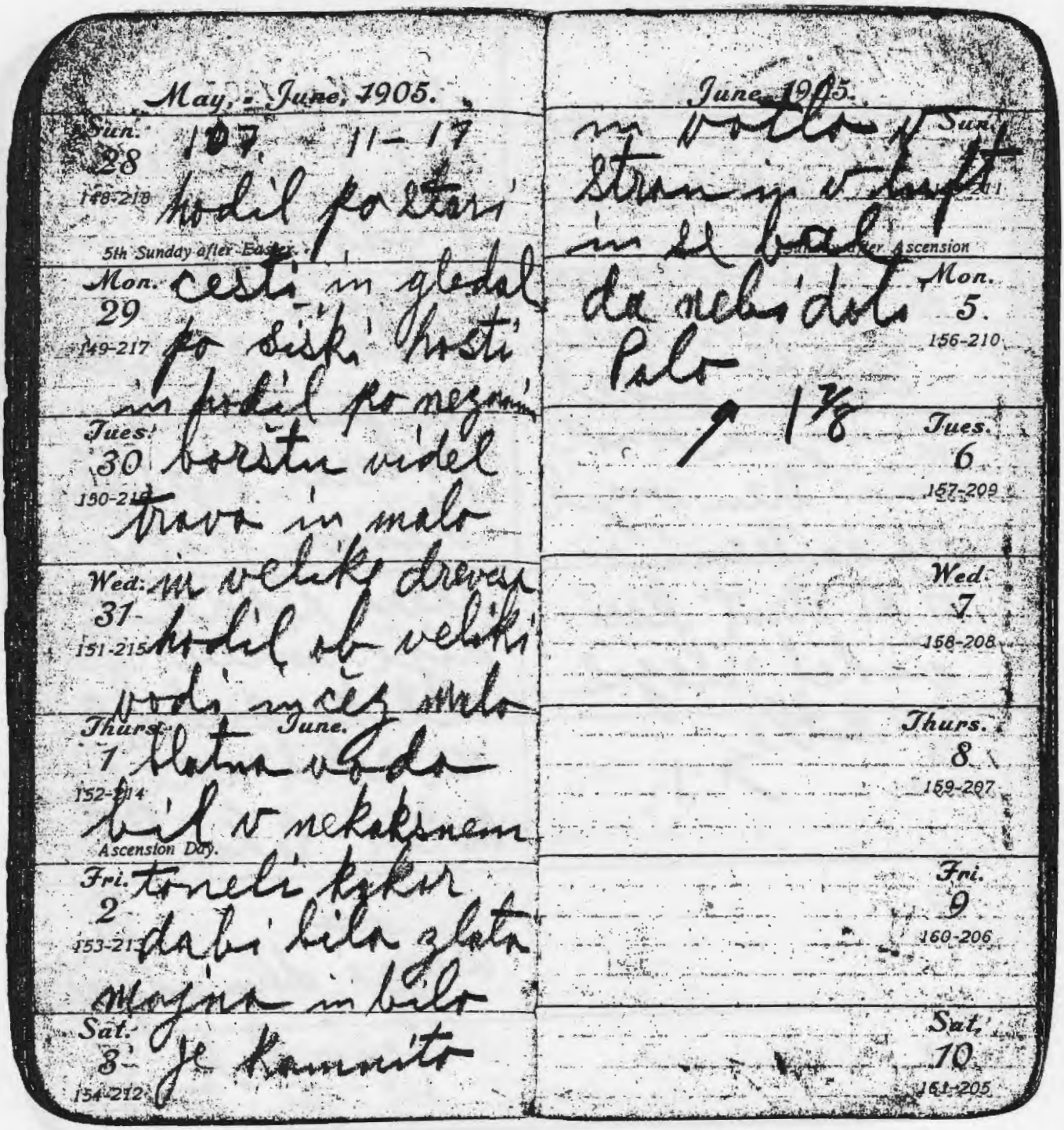


May, 1905.

Sun. 14 — 10-22-1013/4 videl sodan
134-232
3rd Sunday after Easter.
Mon. 15 — drevesa videl železen turen delati videl
135-231
Tues. 16 — mjena romati in tren vozil se na treni in
136-230
Wed. 17 — na strit kari videl železne
137-229
Thurs. 18 — kotle ↗ 1.
138-228
Fri. 19
139-227
Sat. 20
140-226

10-26-102 May, 1905.

Sun. 21 — bil v velikem prekopu in sem plezal v
141-225
4th Sunday after Easter.
Mon. 22 — brek v prekopu in videl in
Tues. 23 — poberal srebrni denar kakor stari tolar
143-223
Wed. 24 — kije imel velike podobe
144-222
Thurs. 25 — na sebi vrage kakor tolar
145-221
Fri. 26 — = drugi den odpert
146-220
Sat. 27 — 1 ½ = ↗ ½
147-219

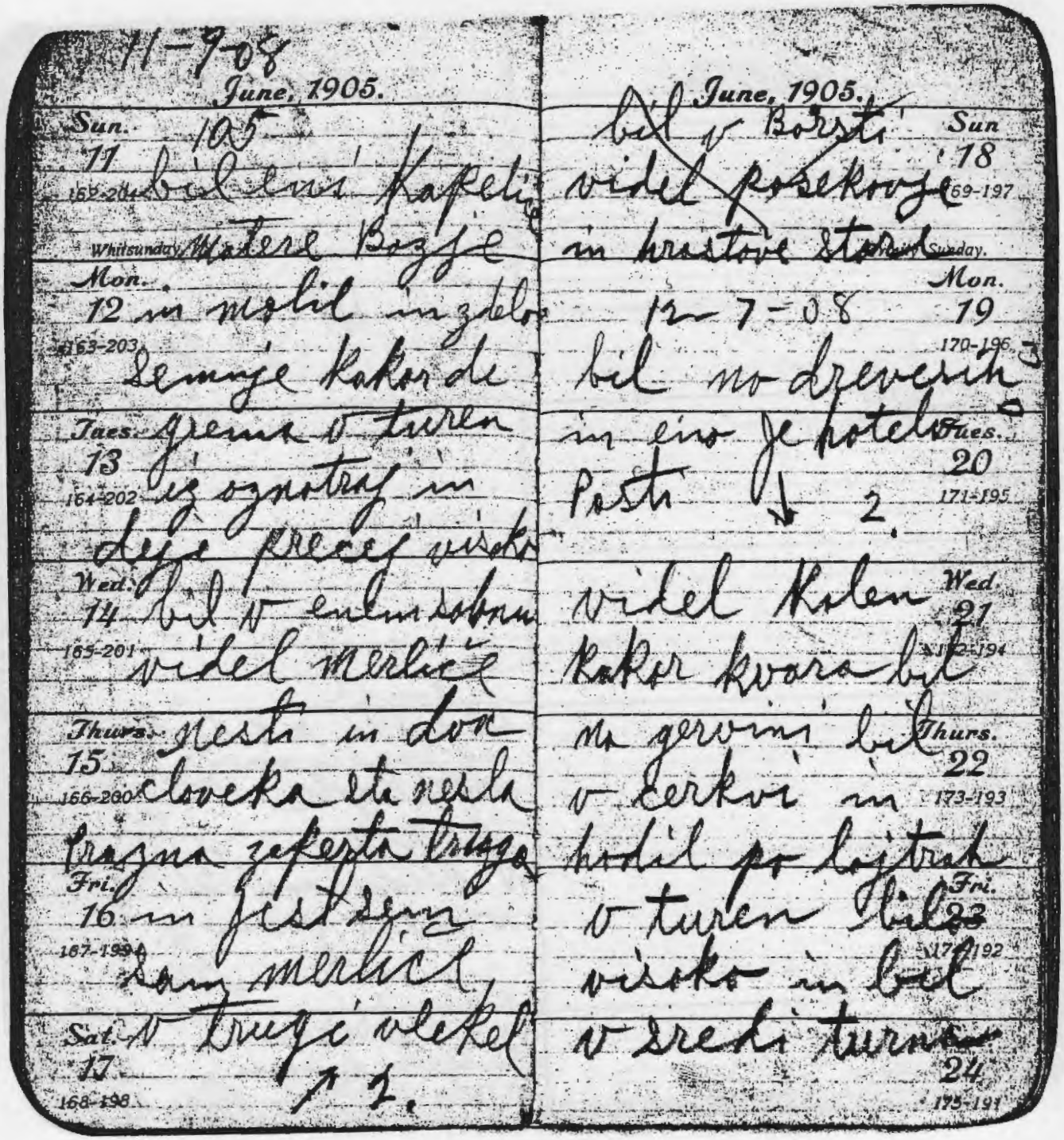


May - June, 1905.

Sun. 28 107. 11-17
148-218 hodil po stari'
5th Sunday after Easter.
Mon. 29 cesti in gledal
149-217 po siki' hrsti'
in frdil po nezan
Tues. 30 borstu videl
150-216 trava in malo
Wed. 31 in veliky drevesa
151-215 hodil sv veliki
vodi nyeč malo
Thurs. June. 1 klatna v gda
152-214 bil v nekakšnem
Ascension Day.
Fri. 2 toneli kykur
153-213 dabi bila zlata
Mojca in bilo
Sat. 3 je kamnito
154-212

June 1905.

Sun. 4 [illegible]
[illegible] Sunday after Ascension
Mon. 5.
156-210
Tues. 6
157-209
Wed. 7
158-208
Thurs. 8
159-207
Fri. 9
160-206
Sat. 10
161-205



11-7-08

June, 1905.

Sun. 11 165-200 105 bil sem v Kapelici

Whitsunday. Matere Božje

Mon. 12 163-203 in molil in zdelo

se mi je kakor da

Tues. 13 164-202 grem v turen

iz ozadja in

vidi precej viško

Wed. 14 165-201 bil v enem sobnem

videl merlič

Thurs. 15 166-200 mesta in dva

človeka eta neka

Fri. 16 167-199 tuja zapeta truga in

sat. 17 168-198 sam merlič

v tuji oblekel

↑ 2.

June, 1905.

bil v Borštu Sun. 18 169-197

videl posekovje

in hrastove stor Whitsunday.

Mon. 19 170-196

12-7-08

bil na drevesih

in eno je hotelo

Tues. 20 171-195

Pošta ↓ 2.

Wed. 21 172-194

videl Kolen

kakor kvara bit

Thurs. 22 173-193

na gerdini bil

v cerkvi in

hodil po lojtrah

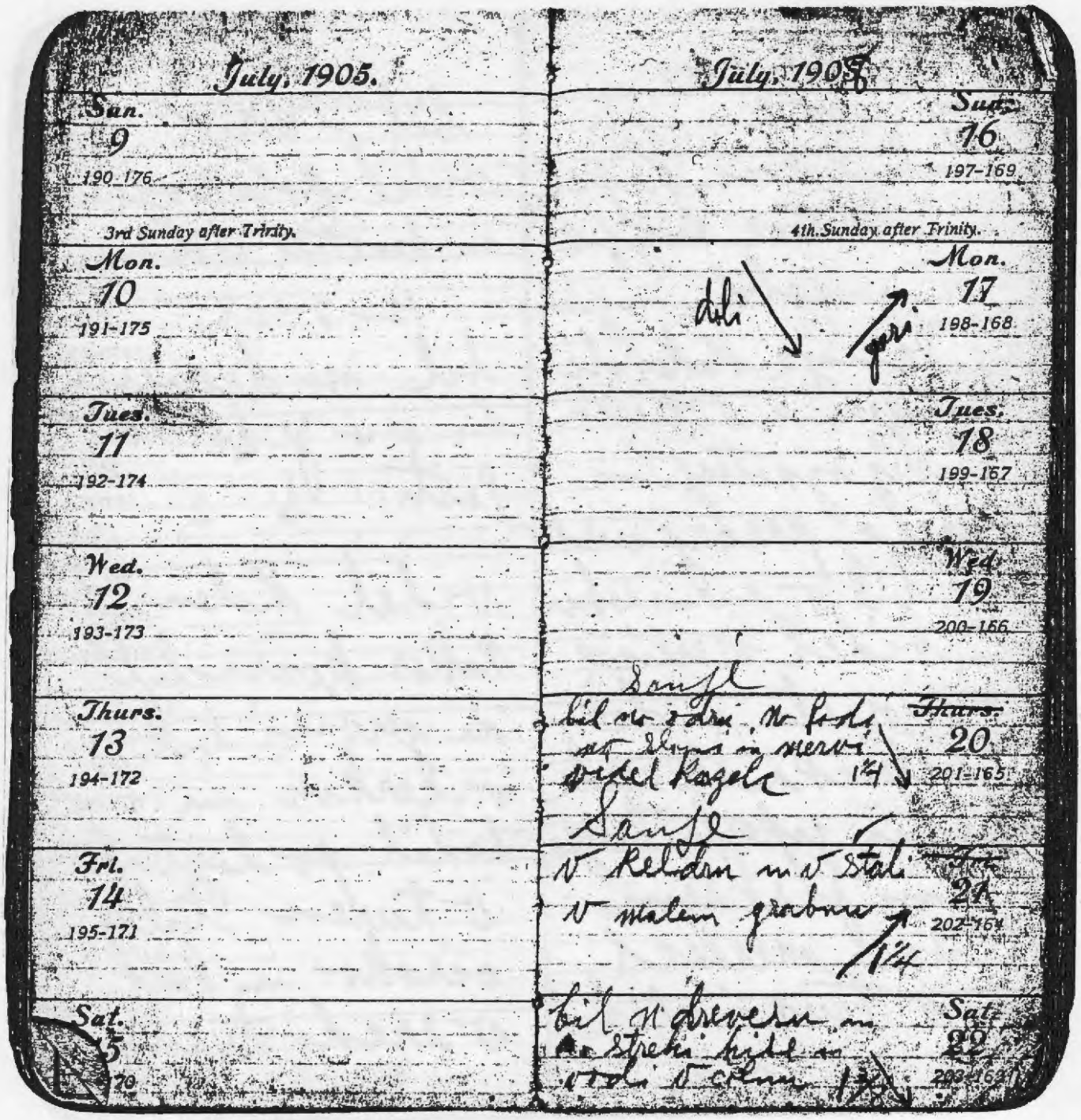
Fri. 23 174-192

v turen šibko

viško in bel

v dreki turnu

24 175-191



July, 1905.

Sun.
9
190-176

3rd Sunday after Trinity.

Mon.
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191-175

Tues.
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192-174

Wed.
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193-173

Thurs.
13
194-172

Fri.
14
195-171

Sat.
15
70

July, 1905

Sun.
16
197-169

4th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon.
17
198-168

dol

gori

Tues.
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199-167

Wed.
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200-166

Thurs.
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201-165

Fri.
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202-164

Sat.
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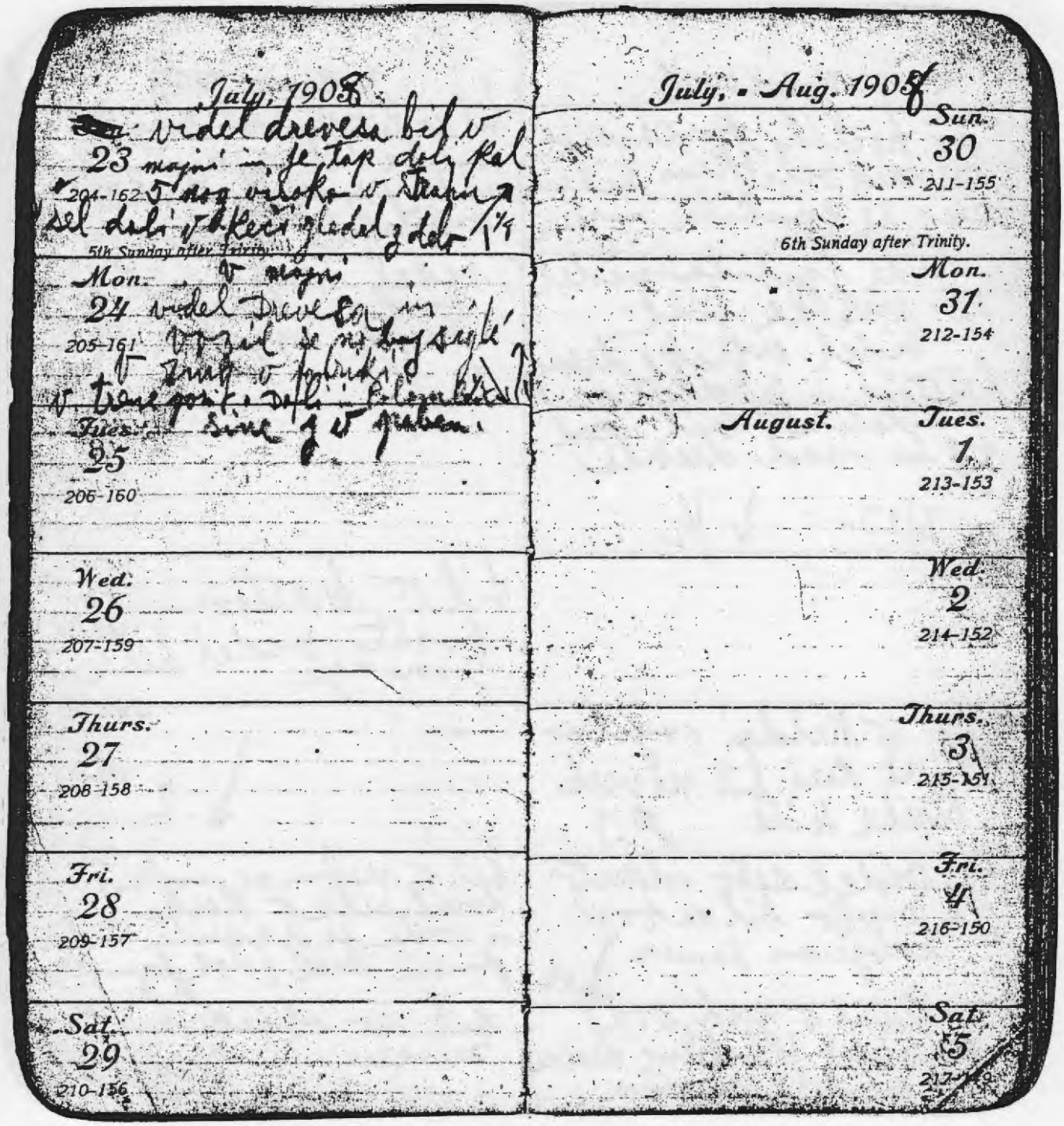
203-163



July, 1905

23 videl drevesa bel v
majni in je tam dolg pal
204-162 5 nog vnaka v Stanu
sel dalu v Kleci gledal z dela 1/4
5th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon. v majni
24 videl Drevesa
205-161 Vozil se na Dugi seji
v Zraku v Jamski
v Dreveh pri Dolu Selenburk
Tues. Sine z v Jamah.
25
206-160

Wed.
26
207-159

Thurs.
27
208-158

Fri.
28
209-157

Sat.
29
210-156

July. - Aug. 1905

Sun.
30
211-155
6th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon.
31
212-154

August.

Tues.
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213-153

Wed.
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214-152

Thurs.
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215-151

Fri.
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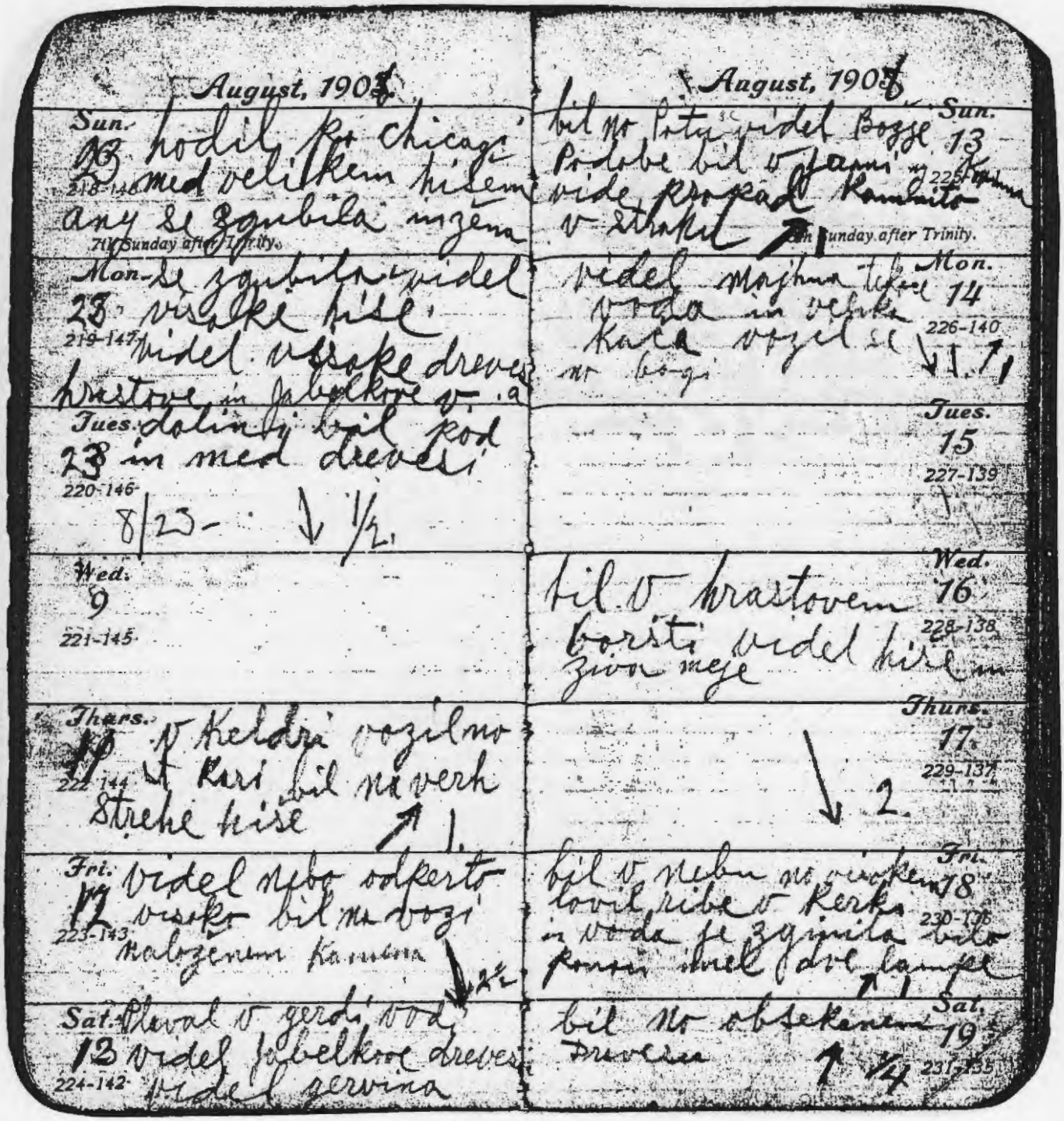
216-150

Sat.
5
217-149



August, 1905

Sun. 13 hodil po Chicagi med velikem hitem ... 218-146
7th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon. 14 ... 219-147

Tues. 15 ... 220-146

Wed. 16 ... 221-145

Thurs. 17 ... 222-144

Fri. 18 ... 223-143

Sat. 19 ... 224-142

August, 1905

Sun. 13 bil po Poti videl Bozzi ... 225-141
8th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon. 14 videl Majhna ... 226-140

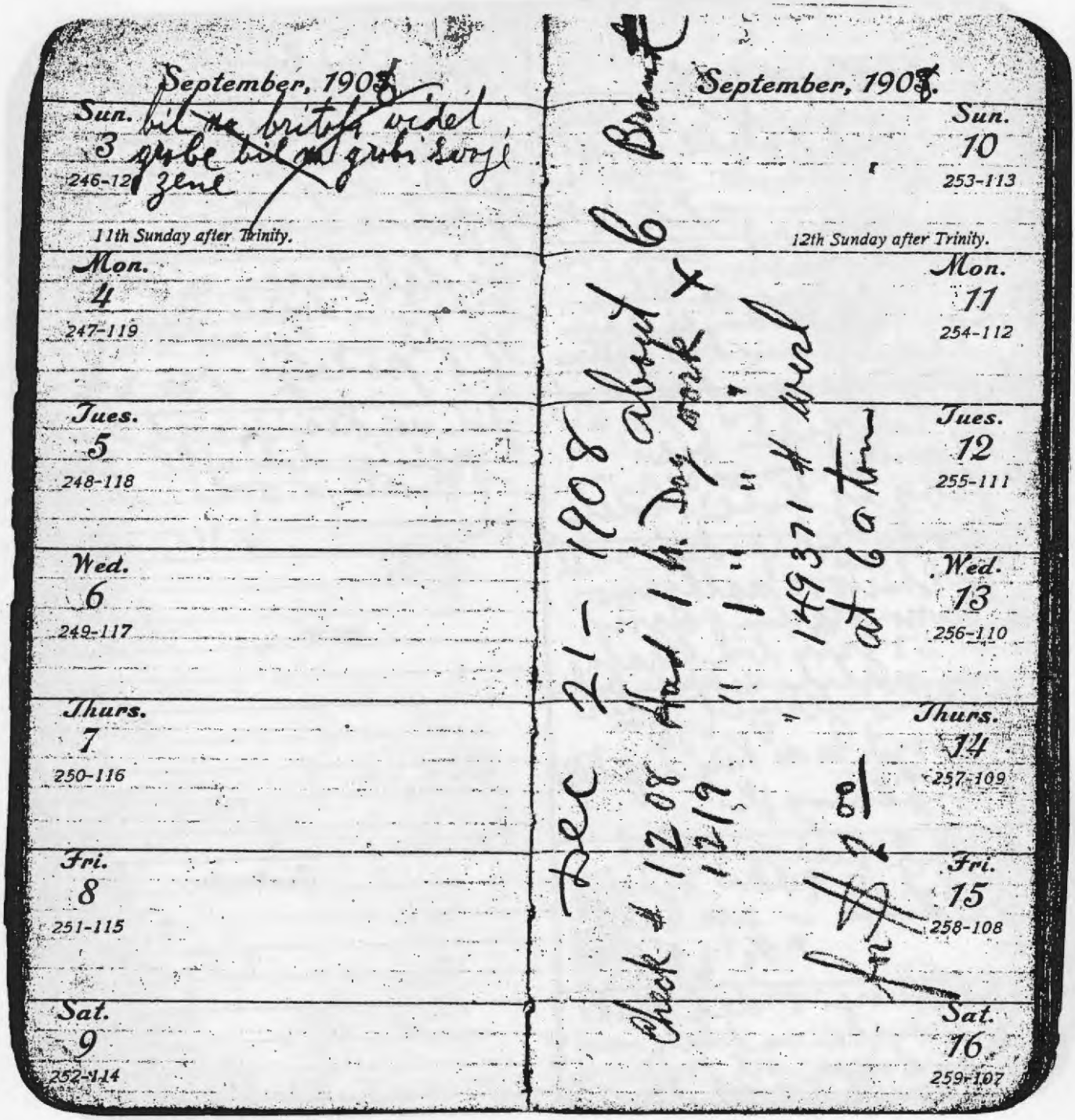
Tues. 15 227-139

Wed. 16 ... 228-138

Thurs. 17 229-137

Fri. 18 ... 230-136

Sat. 19 ... 231-135



September, 1908.

Sun. 3 — 246-120 — 11th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon. 4 — 247-119

Tues. 5 — 248-118

Wed. 6 — 249-117

Thurs. 7 — 250-116

Fri. 8 — 251-115

Sat. 9 — 252-114

September, 1908.

Sun. 10 — 253-113 — 12th Sunday after Trinity.

Mon. 11 — 254-112

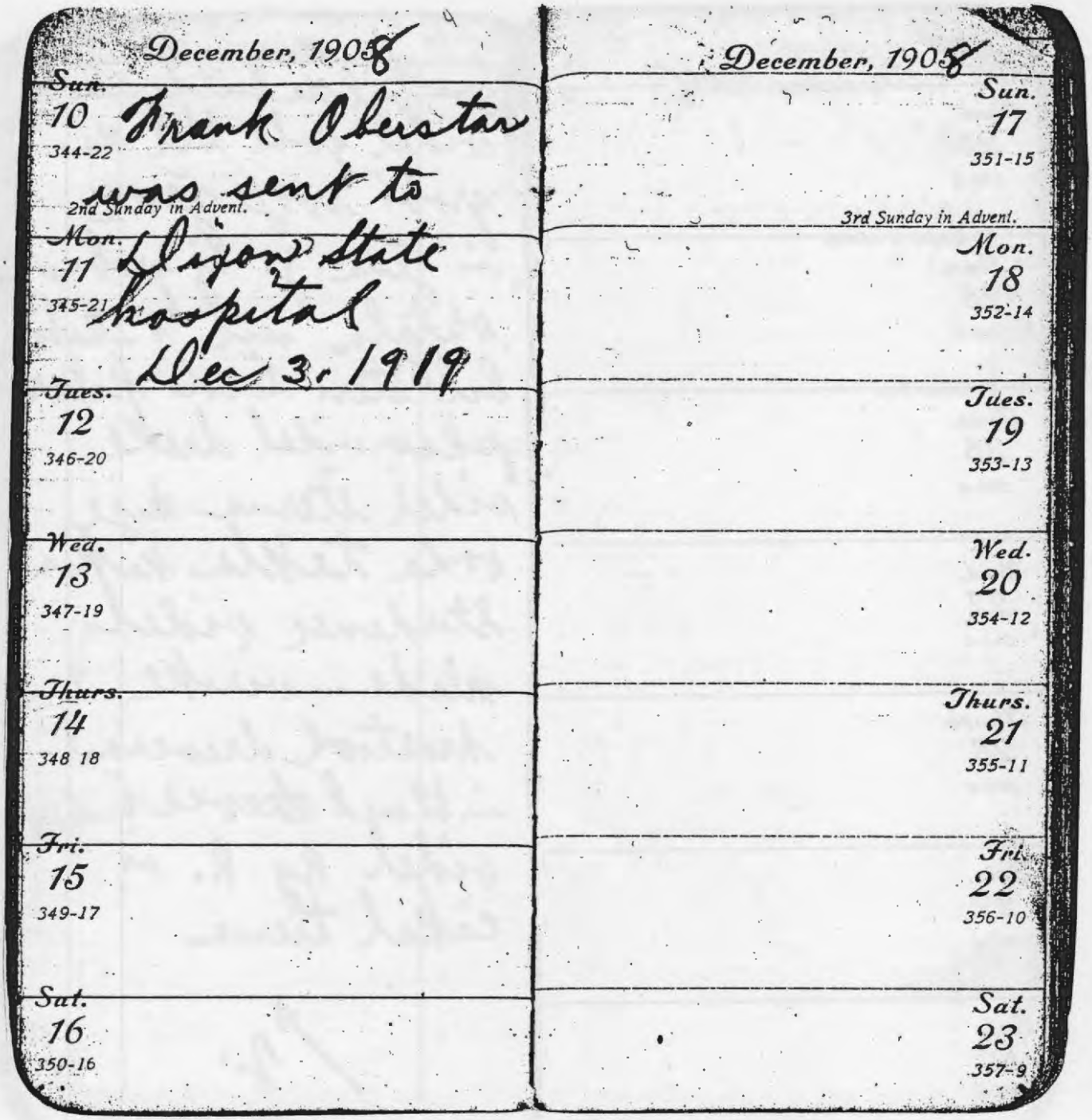
Tues. 12 — 255-111

Wed. 13 — 256-110

Thurs. 14 — 257-109

Fri. 15 — 258-108

Sat. 16 — 259-107



December, 1905

Sun. 10 — 344-22 — 2nd Sunday in Advent.
Frank Oberstar was sent to

Mon. 11 — 345-21
Dixon State hospital

Tues. 12 — 346-20
Dec 3. 1919

Wed. 13 — 347-19

Thurs. 14 — 348 18

Fri. 15 — 349-17

Sat. 16 — 350-16

December, 1905

Sun. 17 — 351-15 — 3rd Sunday in Advent.

Mon. 18 — 352-14

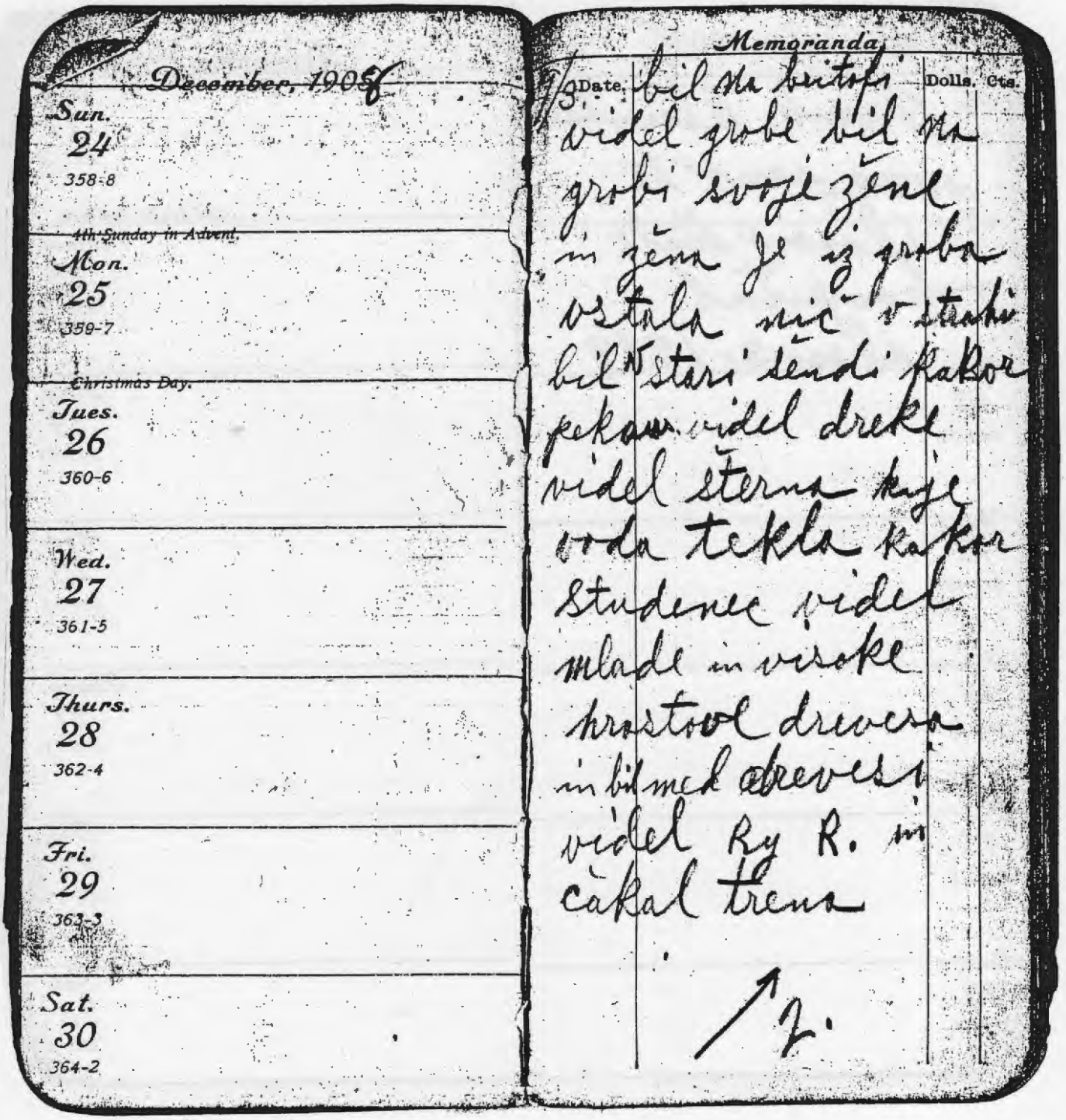
Tues. 19 — 353-13

Wed. 20 — 354-12

Thurs. 21 — 355-11

Fri. 22 — 356-10

Sat. 23 — 357-9



December, 1905

Sun. 24 358-8

4th Sunday in Advent.

Mon. 25 359-7

Christmas Day.

Tues. 26 360-6

Wed. 27 361-5

Thurs. 28 362-4

Fri. 29 363-3

Sat. 30 364-2

Memoranda.

Date. | Dolls. | Cts.

bil sem bratov
videl grobe bil na
grobi svoje žene
in žena je iz groba
vstala nič v strahi
bil v stari šendi pakor
pekarn videl dreke
videl sterna kaje
voda tekla kakor
Studenec videl
mlade in vroke
hrastov drevesa
in bil med drevesi
videl Ry R. in
čakal trena

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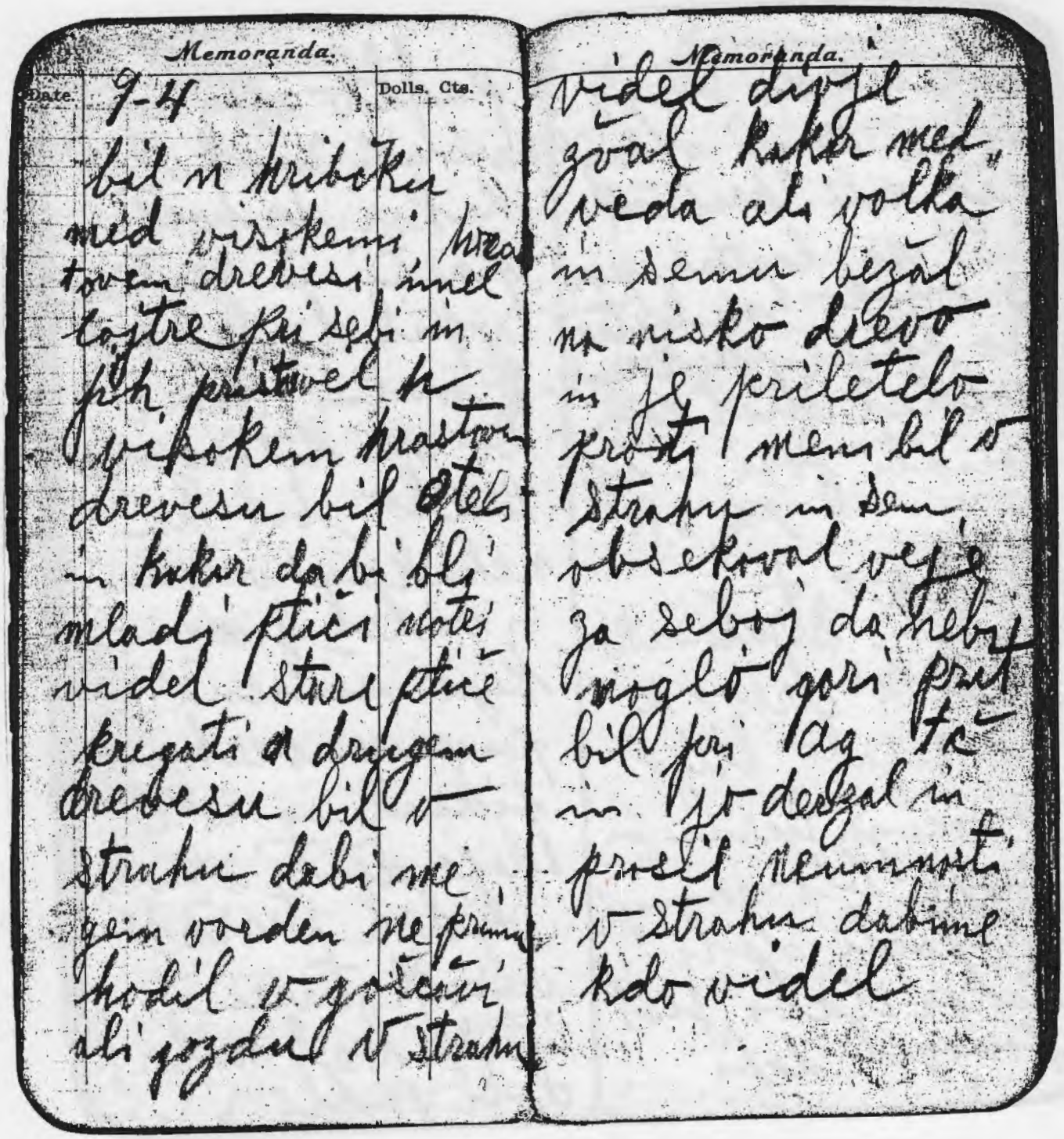


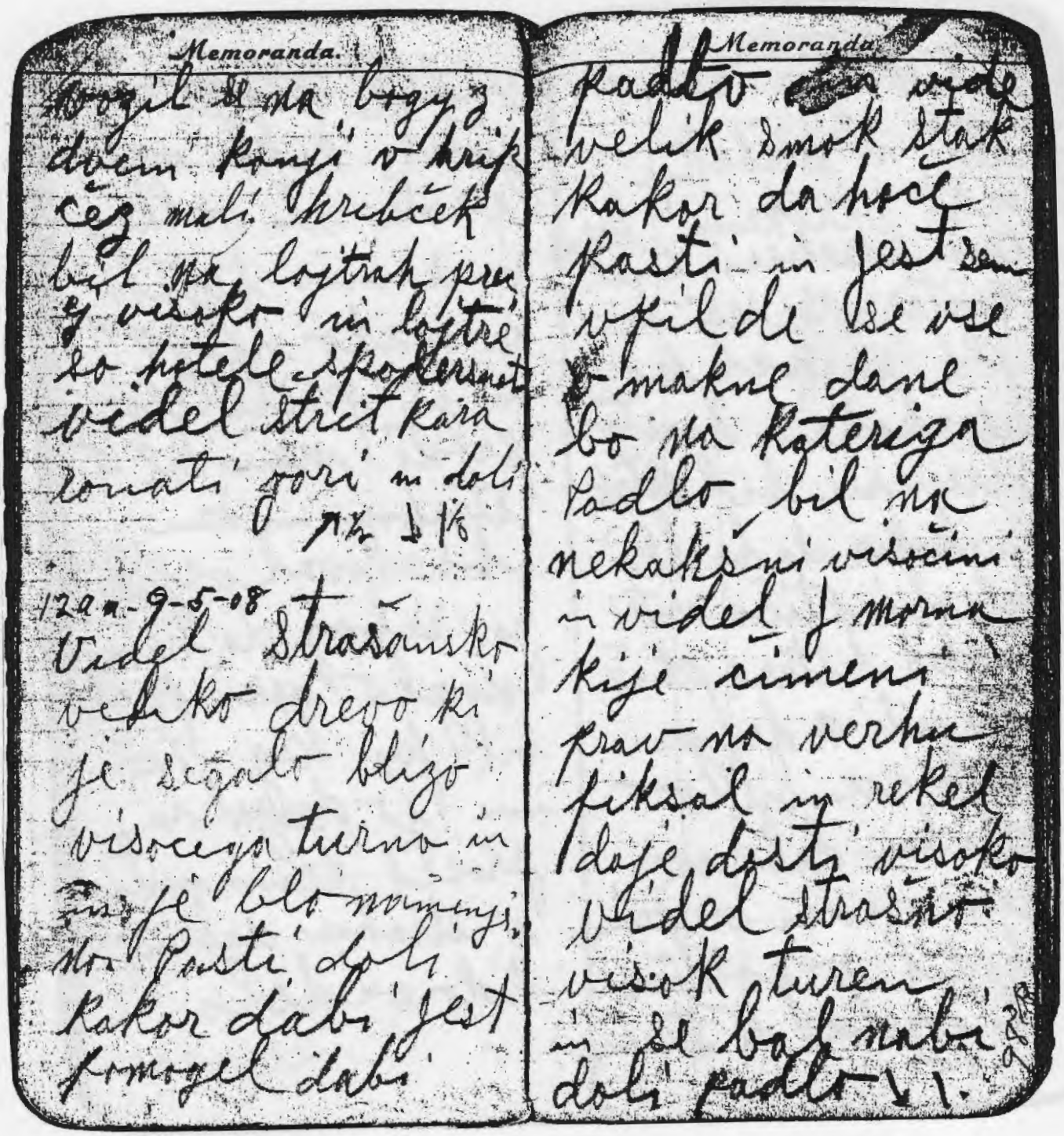
Memoranda.

Date. 9-4 Dolls. Cts.

bil v hribokih
med visokemi hra
stovem drevesi sinel
kojstre fri sebi in
fih pristavel k
visokem hrastov
drevesu bil otel
in kukar da bi bil
mladi ptici voteí
videl stare ptice
kregati s drugem
drevesu bil v
strahu dabi me
gim voden ne prin
hodil v gozdu v strahu
ali gozdu v strahu

Memoranda.

videl divjel
goval kakor med
veda ali volka
in semu bezal
na visko drevo
in je priletelo
proti meni bil v
strahu in sem
obsekoval vejé
za sebov da nebi
moglo gori pret
bil fri ag fe
in jo dezal in
prelil neumnosti
v strahu dabime
kdo videl



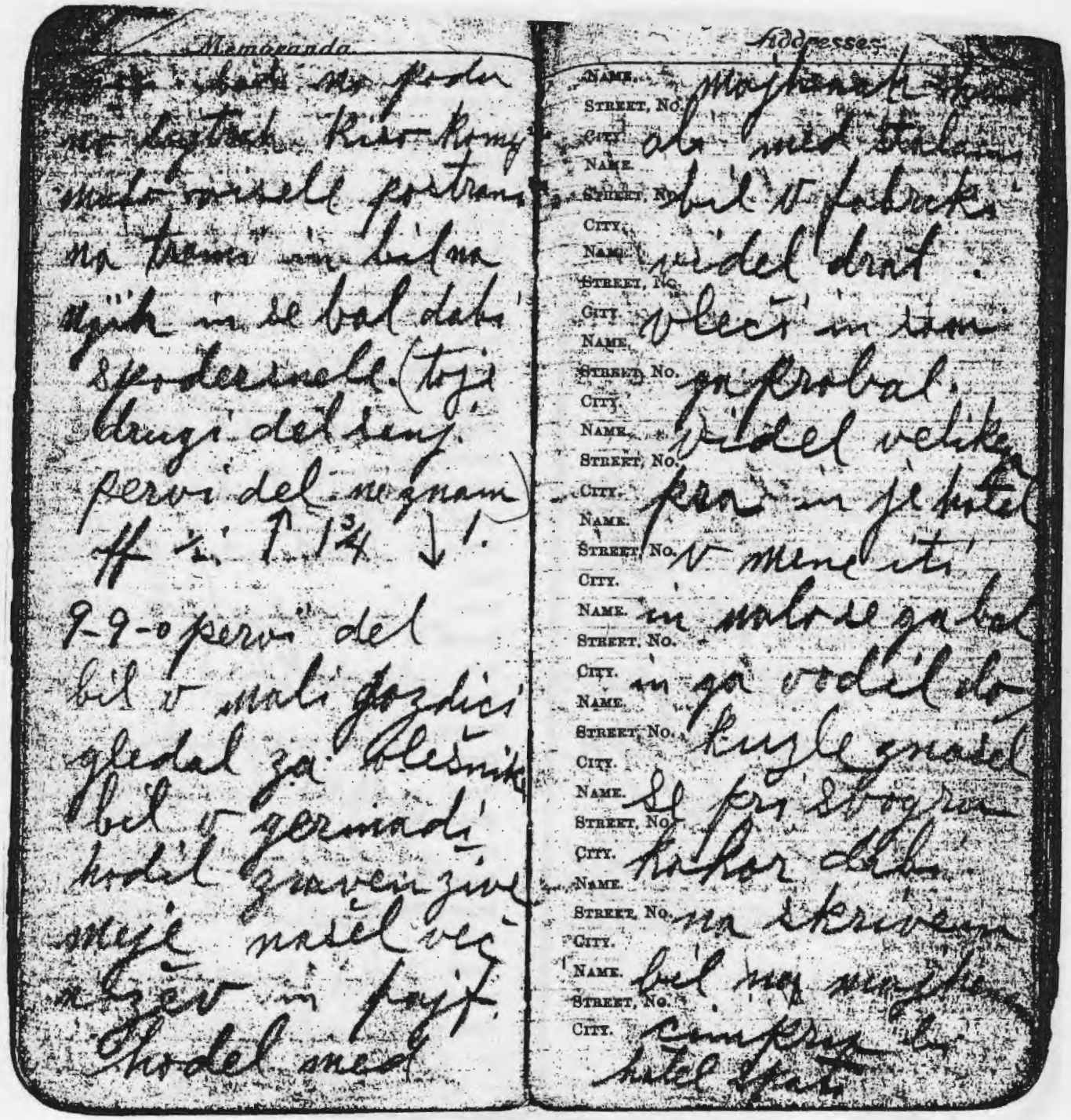
Memoranda.

Vozil se na bregu
dvem konji v brik
ceg mali hribček
bil je položnih pre
g visoko in lagtne
so hotele spokerniti
videl strict kara
lonati gori in dol
↗½ ↓½

12 a.m. 9-5-08
Videl strašansko
veliko drevo ki
je segalo blizo
visocega turna in
ni je bilo mogoče
na Posti dobi
kakor dabi jest
pomogel dabi

Memoranda

padlo je eno
velik smok stak
Kakor da hoce
Kasti in jest sem
vzel da se ne
zmakne dane
bo na Kateriza
Padlo bil na
nekakšni visočini
in videl j morna
kije cimeru
prav na verhu
piksal in rekel
daje dosti visoko
videl strasno
visok turen
in se bal nabo
dol padel ↓ 1.



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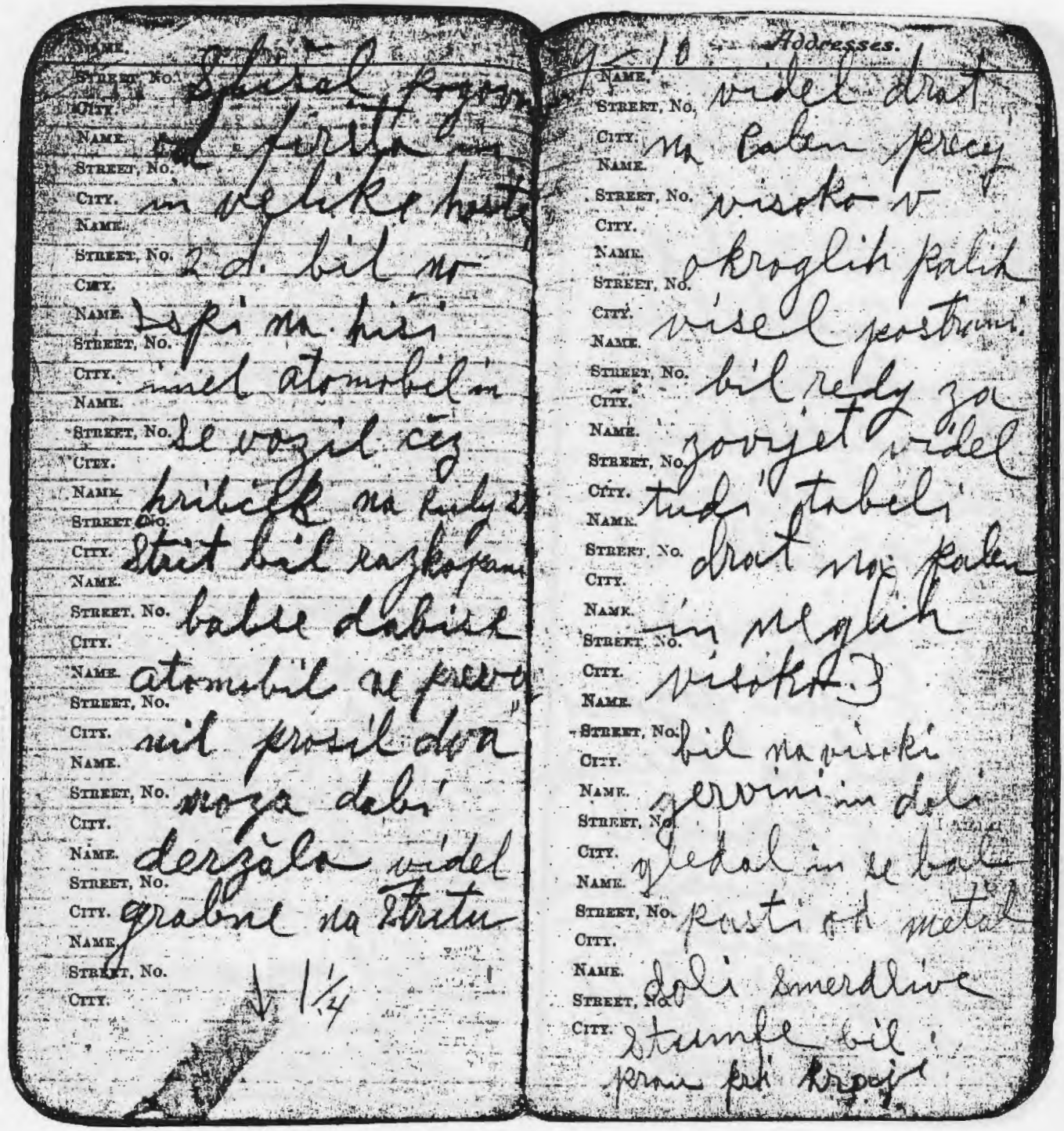

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Spisal Rezon
d. furth
in velike hosti
2 d. bil no
Dopi na hiši
mel atomobil in
se vozil cez
hribček na kulo s
Stari bil razkopan
bolle dobile
atomobil se prev
nil prosil dva
moja dobi
derzala videl
grabne na Stritu
↓ 1¼

9 – 10 – Addresses.

NAME.
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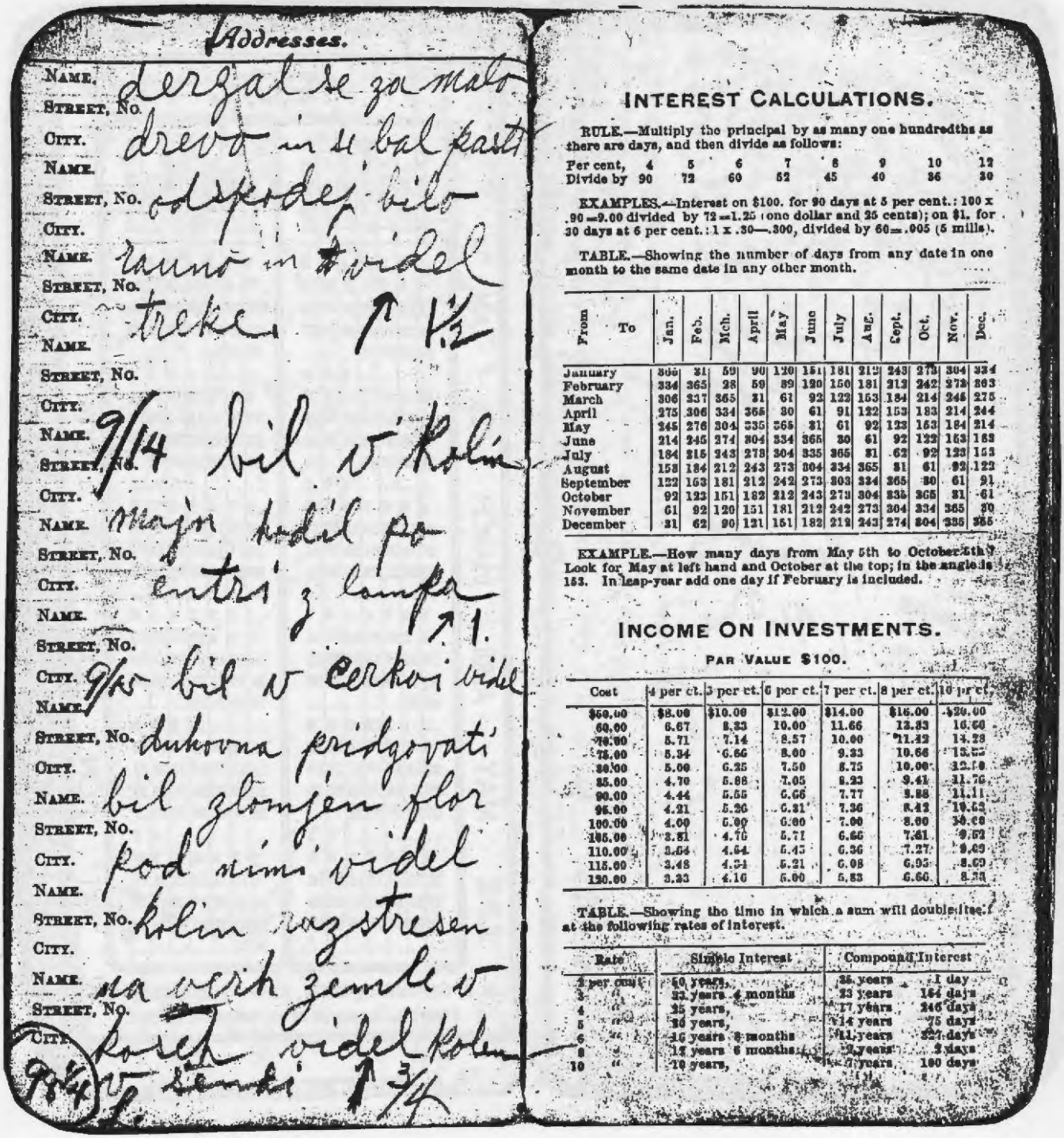
CITY.
videl drat
na Laben prec
visoko v
okroglih kalik
visel postrani.
bil redy za
Zovjet videl
tudi stabel
drat moj Laben
in meglih
visoki 3
bil na piroki
gervini in deli
gledal in se bale
Rasti od metal
doli smerdlive
stumpe bil
prave pri krogi



Addresses.

NAME.
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CITY. drevo in si bal pasti
NAME.
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CITY.
NAME. zunaj in videl
STREET, No. treke ↑ 1½
CITY.
NAME.
STREET, No.
CITY.
NAME. 9/14 bil v Kolin
STREET, No.
CITY.
NAME. majn hodil po
STREET, No.
CITY. entri z lampa
NAME. ↑ 1.
STREET, No.
CITY. 9/15 bil v cerkvi videl
NAME.
STREET, No. duhovna pridigovati
CITY.
NAME. bil zlomjen flor
STREET, No.
CITY. pod nimi videl
NAME.
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CITY.
NAME. na vseh zemle v
STREET, No. kotih videl Kolen
CITY. zemli ↑ ¾
9/14 5.

INTEREST CALCULATIONS.

RULE.—Multiply the principal by as many one hundredths as there are days, and then divide as follows:

Per cent,	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12
Divide by	90	72	60	52	45	40	36	30

EXAMPLES.—Interest on $100. for 90 days at 5 per cent.: 100 x .90 = 9.00 divided by 72 = 1.25 (one dollar and 25 cents); on $1. for 30 days at 6 per cent.: 1 x .30 = .300, divided by 60 = .005 (5 mills).

TABLE.—Showing the number of days from any date in one month to the same date in any other month.

From / To	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
January	365	31	59	90	120	151	181	212	243	273	304	334
February	334	365	28	59	89	120	150	181	212	242	273	303
March	306	337	365	31	61	92	122	153	184	214	245	275
April	275	306	334	365	30	61	91	122	153	183	214	244
May	245	276	304	335	365	31	61	92	123	153	184	214
June	214	245	273	304	334	365	30	61	92	122	153	183
July	184	215	243	273	304	335	365	31	62	92	123	153
August	153	184	212	243	273	304	334	365	31	61	92	123
September	122	153	181	212	242	273	303	334	365	30	61	91
October	92	123	151	182	212	243	273	304	335	365	31	61
November	61	92	120	151	181	212	242	273	304	334	365	30
December	31	62	90	121	151	182	212	243	274	304	335	365

EXAMPLE.—How many days from May 5th to October 5th? Look for May at left hand and October at the top; in the angle is 153. In leap-year add one day if February is included.

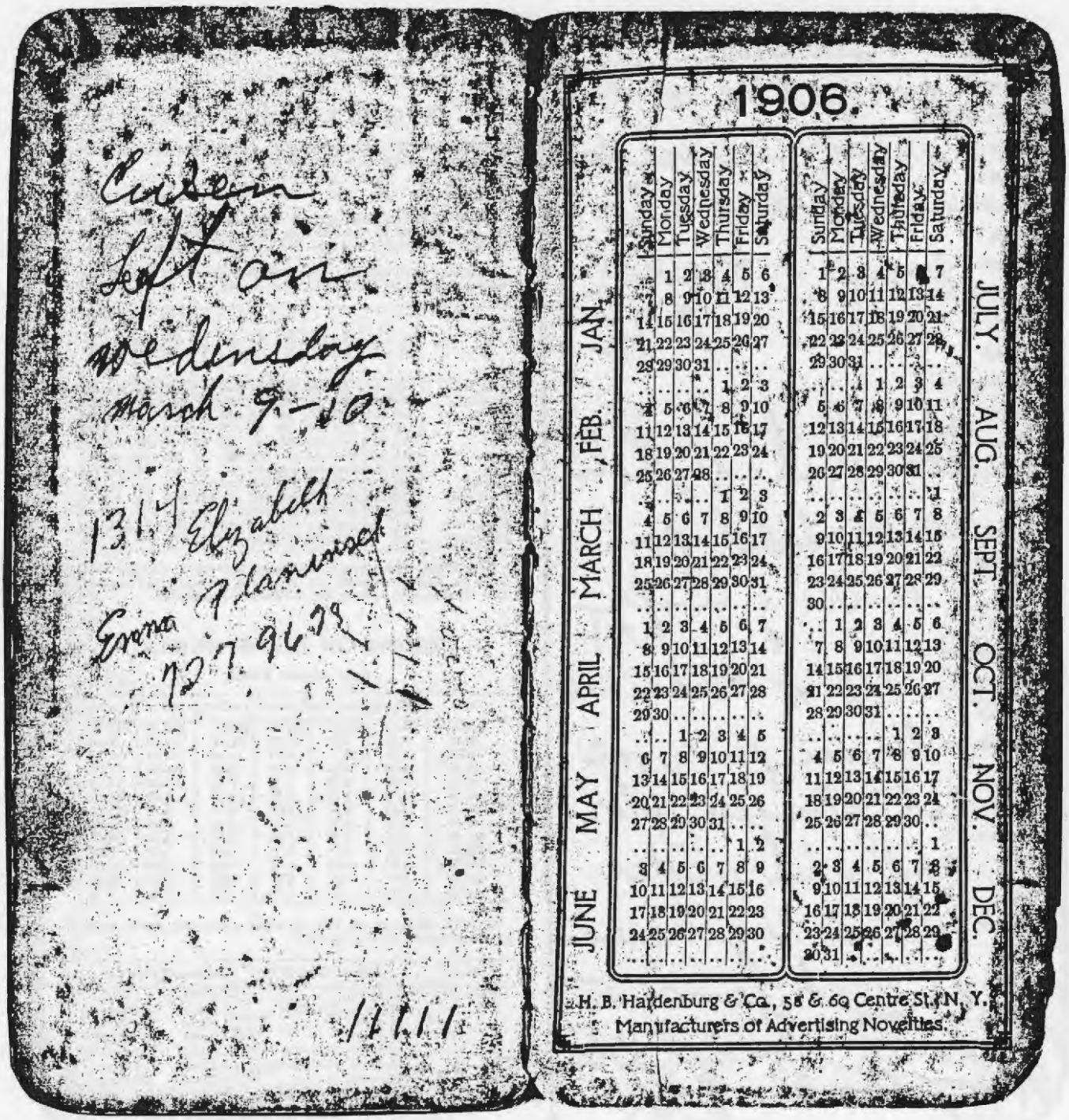
INCOME ON INVESTMENTS.

PAR VALUE $100.

Cost	4 per ct.	5 per ct.	6 per ct.	7 per ct.	8 per ct.	10 per ct.
$50.00	$8.00	$10.00	$12.00	$14.00	$16.00	$20.00
60.00	6.67	8.33	10.00	11.66	13.33	16.60
70.00	5.71	7.14	8.57	10.00	11.42	14.28
75.00	5.34	6.66	8.00	9.33	10.66	13.33
80.00	5.00	6.25	7.50	8.75	10.00	12.50
85.00	4.70	5.88	7.05	8.23	9.41	11.76
90.00	4.44	5.55	6.66	7.77	8.88	11.11
95.00	4.21	5.26	6.31	7.36	8.42	10.53
100.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	10.00
105.00	3.81	4.76	5.71	6.66	7.61	9.52
110.00	3.64	4.54	5.45	6.36	7.27	9.09
115.00	3.48	4.34	5.21	6.08	6.95	8.69
120.00	3.33	4.16	5.00	5.83	6.66	8.33

TABLE.—Showing the time in which a sum will double itself at the following rates of interest.

Rate	Simple Interest	Compound Interest
2 per cent.	50 years,	35 years 1 day
3 "	33 years 4 months	23 years 164 days
4 "	25 years,	17 years 246 days
5 "	20 years,	14 years 75 days
6 "	16 years 8 months	11 years 321 days
8 "	12 years 6 months	9 years 9 days
10 "	10 years,	7 years 180 days



Coleen
left on
Wednesday
March 9-10

1314 Elizabeth
Grove Plainview
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1906.

JAN.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	..	..	..

FEB.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	..	..	..

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..	..	..	..	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	..	..	..	..	..

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..	..	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	..	..

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..	..	..	..	..	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	..	..	..	..

AUG.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..	..	..	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	..

SEPT.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	..	..	..	..	..	..

OCT.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	..	..	..

NOV.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..	..	..	..	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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DEC.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Appendix II

Anton Oberstar's Dream Diary

Anton Oberstar kept a dream book, in which he recorded dreams. He used to ask people about their dreams and had aspirations of someday writing a book about dreams. Anton recorded his notes in a booklet printed in 1905; the first complete date including year is on the thirteenth double page and is 9-7-08. Copies of his original notes begin on page 406.

Bernard and Mary Markun Rozman carefully translated the notes in this diary for us. Translation was a very time consuming task for several reasons. Anton wrote in a dialect of the Slovenian language. He did not capitalize letters and used very little punctuation. Some commas have been added in the translation to separate thoughts. Comments of translator and locator dates are in italic. Many of the words Anton Oberstar wrote are a mixture of English and Slovenian; often Anton would use English words and attach a Slovenian ending.

It is not known with certainty what the arrows and numbers, which appear on nearly every page, mean. They appear to indicate fluctuations in the stock market.

This translation is set up to coincide with the pages in Anton Oberstar's handwritten notebook. Two columns side by side represent two facing pages in the notebook. Each new line represents the next two pages.

<table>
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<td>Frank died March 1891
Anton July 1892
Margreth 9/21 1906
Jozefa 2/25 1910
Tommy 12/17 1912
Died 8/23 1927
Ma died Oct 19 - 1928
Louise Dec 19 - 1926
Pa died Dec 30 - 1945</td>
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<table>
<tr><th colspan="2">Birth of</th></tr>
<tr><td>My Father</td><td>1840</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Brother John</td><td>1866</td></tr>
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<td>9/16 (I) was on the old road, was in the valley looking over Silka underbrush was a church from afar, saw somebody drove a dead wife, was in hotel, rode in a carriage with my own children, with a white horse in harness.</td>
<td>9/17 was in snow throwing snow at my wife and she at one, was in the stable, sensed that it was dangerous, and for wife and children, was holding a little (doll) girl.</td>
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<td>9/18 was on the roof saw the roof in bad</td>
<td>9/21 was on the barn, saw oats in piles, was</td>
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condition. The shingles were missing and everything was dry rotted, thought about fixing it but was afraid of falling 9/19 was in ōhta was thinking about coal miner	under the barn – in box car – saw oats in the car, was in the stable under our house saw goats and lambs, was home at Hanz saw dogs and wanted to shoot them with revolver. At Hanz's house found a big barrel of meat, searched through the meat, but was all bad and smelly there were heads of
Indians, was worried what will I do with them. (house was lost because of money) 9/22 saw a little water running in the stream, saw crabs in water, touched the crab, was in the tree	9/23 was upstairs in the room saw the steeple of german church, was close to the steeple about 50 feet saw flowers tied close to the top of the steeple. Saw a man go through the *(dormer?)* window like he wanted to walk to the top
9/24 saw a truck fall off the platform, was pushing it back. I was pushing a little car on the track, was in the steeple by the bells banging on the bells with a pencil, it felt I was quite high	9/25 walking in the water, looking for golden rings, picked up about five rings, two were crushed 9/26 saw trees was in the fields saw digging of potatoes, and cutting of hay, saw the valley, saw a bonfire
10-8-1 was in the old country, saw house being built and stores was in our well it was not done yet and was throwing out rotted wood. There was little water and mud. Saw white grapes with big grape berries, one grape bunch fell, and I ate the big fat white berries of grapes	was eating white and big *(fat)* berries of grapes *(this was repeated from previous page)* 10-9-8 I was in low saloon, saw houses, especially one big and high built from a rock, and steps were built from rock all the way to the third floor
Was in the wagon, loaded up high, looked like it wanted to tip over, riding down hill 10-5 was in Bush Park saw old trees on the way, exhumed *(unearthed)* my wife from the grave, saw empty grave was covered with only one plank *(Bush Park was the name for the current West Park, located near Rockdale. It is bounded on the north by Route 80, on the south by Belleview Avenue, on the east by Wheeler Avenue and on the West by Oakley Avenue.)*	Took the board away and left open *(grave?)* there was bad odor or stench, saw dug up earth across the grave saw water and trees, tall standing poplars, saw a street car running and was in the car
10-6 was in a big building inside saw straw, came a big storm, and did damage to the building and tore part of it down, saw the rain falling and was moving away from the rain	9-7-08 walking under the cherry trees, saw ripe cherries and trying to reach them, laying in bed with a fat woman, it was on the edge of a big valley

March 1905 Sun 5	*March 1905 Sun 12*
And there was a nice porch and was hard to see to the top of the house, felt like six or more stories high, saw the building of a new bridge being built from stone and steel, was high and not *(done)* finished, and under bridge water	Walked up the hill by the bridge on a bad rocky path, was on a new bridge, saw ladders and like I wanted to walk on ladders and felt like I am riding in a carriage all over town and think about train
10/12 saw a brick house looked like it was rebuilt, was two story, was by a shanty, felt like want it to go have a bowel movement and had pants under my cheeks and couldn't button up the pants and I was embarrassed.	9-13 was at Andrek's in the house in low room saw the ceiling full of holes and was scared that scary things are walking in the hollow ceiling, then went for a ride on street car
10-14 was in some kind of cave like a basement, was in the stable saw some rabbits and fed them, saw some firewood piled up in the shed, caught on fire was putting out the fire with some water, was riding with a family in a street car	10-16 was a soldier with some kind of army was afraid that I will be shot, in a house like barracks saw fighting with lances *(spears)* and shooting, was riding in the automobile up and down a hill, had two automobiles, around me was many cars
10-17 was in the kitchen like a basement, saw food on tables and saw our *(lady)* cooks, was worried that somebody might see me 10-19 was fishing by the river, was deep water, saw a horse and wagon ride close to the water and was afraid	That the wagon will overturn 10-20 was by a water well was very deep but very little water there was an old bucket tied with a rope to some old wood
10-21 I was in some kind of house, it started to rain and the hail was falling. I was hiding under a porch, was on bridge and saw a lot of grapes white and reddish, wanted to get to it and was climbing up on the tree.	I was riding on a street car and saw my family waiting for a *(street)* car, I came off the car and was walking along the tracks and pulled one of my teeth on the left side a molar, and then pulled another small one like it grew next to the first one
10-22 I saw fruit trees and saw a tower being built from steel, saw engineer running a train and I was on it, and then was on a street car and saw steel cauldrons	10-26 was in a big trench *(ditch)* and was crawling down to pick up silver money like old dollars which had big pictures on it bigger than dollars == next day open
11-17 I walked on an old road and was in an unfamiliar forest, saw grass and a lot of trees walking along the water *(river)*, and across some muddy water, was in some kind of tunnel like a gold mine, and was	

rocky and empty to one side, I was afraid, that it would fall down	
11-9-08 I was in a chapel of mother of god and was praying and felt like I was going up a steeple on the inside and was very high, was in some kid of room and saw a dead body and two people carrying an empty casket and I was the dead man	was in the forest and saw cut down oak trees and stumps 12-7-08 was up in the tree and one want it to fall, seen coal like yeast was in church and was walking on ladder into a steeple, was very high up, was in the middle of steeple.
	Doli = *down* gori = *up* Dreams Was on stage was in the barn on straw and hay, saw hayrack Dreams In a basement and in a small barn Was in a tree and on the roof of a house and water in a boat
July 1908 Sun 23 Saw trees was in the forest and the top fell down five feet down and was scared, went to look for work in the village	
August, 1908 Sun 23 Walking in Chicago between big houses and my wife got lost She was lost and I saw tall trees oak and apple trees, was in the valley under and between trees Was on top of the house, saw the heaven open up high and the wagon was loaded with rocks Swimming in the dirty water saw apple trees	*August, 1908 Sun 13* Was traveling, saw holy pictures in a cave *(or coal mine)*, saw destruction in the cave, saw a small river running and saw a large snake Was in a oak grove, saw houses and hedge Was high up in the sky *(heavens)* and was catching fish in the river, the river run dry and I had two lanterns was on top of a trimmed tree
August, 1908 Sun 20 Got a job in factory saw dresses upstairs Wallpaper in the house is falling down, was in low house moving furniture out of the house, saw water downstairs furniture loaded on an old wagon, was in some hallway praying, was in wiremill, was riding in the car and old wagon with a horse, was in the house upstairs, and in the basement saw a horse and was afraid of	Was building with brick and had all building material under the trees, saw trees and houses that high pillars were added, was riding car over graves and swamps saw a steeple of a church hanging and laying close to the ground was on Keca was riding up and down swimming in the water

him, was in Gaberji and saw thin and fat trees and a tall thick hedge	
September, 1908 Sun 3 Was at the cemetery at the grave of my wife (*this thought is crossed out)*	Dec 21, 1908 Check #1208 had 1 h day work x
Frank Oberstar was sent to Dixon State hospital Dec 3, 1919 *(not Anton's writing)*	
	9/3 was at the cemetery on the grave of my wife and wife came out of the grave not afraid at all, was in an old shanty saw turds *(feces)*, saw a well where water was running like a spring, saw young and tall oak trees was among the trees saw RyR. *(railroad)* and was waiting for a train
9/4 was on top of a hill among high oak trees and had ladder with me, leaned one against a tall oak tree, like young birds I was old birds arguing I was afraid that the warden will grab one in the forest, was walking in the forest afraid that I will see	Wild animals like a bear or a wolf and I was running for a tall tree which came running toward me. I was afraid and started cutting branches behind me, so they can not come after me Ws afraid that somebody will not see me
Was riding in a buggy with two horses up a hill over a small incline, was on a ladder up high and ladder wanted to slip, saw a street car running up and down 12 am - 9-5-08 saw awful big tree that was reaching high up to a high steeple that was meant to come down, I was to help it fall on a tall smoke stack	and I was yelling at everybody to move so nobody gets hurt, I saw somebody who was fixing a chimney and he said that he was high enough to see this awful high tower and was afraid that it will tumble down.
Was in the barn on ladders, which were leaning aside, was on them and was afraid that I will slip off (this is my second part of any dreams, first part I don't know) 9-9-0 first chapter was in a small forest looking for hazelnuts, was in a bonfire walking along a live hedge and found many knives, was walking	Between small houses or stables, was in a factory where I saw pulling wire and testing, I saw a big dog and was afraid of him I led the dog to I found myself with my brother in law like he was keeping the dog a secret in a small room, I wanted to sleep
Heard talk *(cannot make this out)* Two days was in a small room in the house, had a car and was riding across a small hill on Ruby Street, street was all dug up, was afraid that the car will turn over, so I asked two men to hold the car, saw ditches on the street	9-10 saw wire on a pole high up on rolls hanging sideways, was ready to catch, saw also a white wire on poles high up, was on high meadow looking down and was afraid to let go, throwing down stinky smelly socks was at the end *(a Slovenian phrase when*

	one it too tired to go on)
Addresses Was holding on to a small tree and was afraid to fall down there was *straight (or level)* I saw steel rails *(railroad tracks)* 9/14 was in a coal mine and was walking at the entrance with a lamp 9/15 was in church and saw a priest give a sermon, there was a broken floor, under you could see coal strewn all over on the top of the ground you saw pieces and in the shanty *(shack)*	*(Anton worked in the coalmines for 1-½ years. There were many mining towns in the area including Braidwook, Carbon Hill, Coal City, Toluca (where Benedict Birsa worked at one time), and Wilmington.)*

Appendix III

Early Ursic - Ursich Family History

Michael Ursich was the husband of Amalija[2] Birsa Ursich, and is the earliest documented progenitor of the Ursich descendants presented in this family history. The information concerning Michael Ursich and the Ursich family is documented by original documents passed on to us from his daughter, Angela[3] Ursich Setina. It is included here because of its importance to all of the Ursich descendants listed in this book.

URSIĈ - URSICH FAMIILY

Descended from

Matija (Matthew) Ursič and Marija Godec

11 **MICHAEL[2] URSICH** (URSIĈ) (Matija[1]) was born 04 January 1870[a] in the village of Krka, near the town of Sticna, region of Dolenjska, Slovenia, Austria. At this time, the area was under the reign of Franz Joseph, emperor. (The area became known as Yugoslavia after World War II). He died 29 June 1944 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Cause of death was primary cancer of the liver. Michael is buried in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Joliet, IL

Michael was the son of Matija (Matthew) Ursič and Marija Godec[a]. Matija and Marija had several children including Michael, Anton, Matthew, Frank and Marija.

Michael's brother, Frank Ursich, came to America frequently to earn money to pay debts or to buy property. However, Michael was the only child to leave his birthplace and settle elsewhere. Michael came to the United States about 1890 and lived in Cleveland for two years, after which he moved to Joliet, Illinois permanently. Michael became a naturalized citizen of the United States 22 October 1894[b].

with the Oberstars at that time. On 22 June 1891[c], Michael was married at Saint John's Church in Joliet, Illinois to Amalija Birsa, born about 05 April 1862 in Malovse, Austria and died 15 December 1956 in Joliet, IL. Amalija was the daughter of Anton Birsa [born 1817 Austria, d. 1902, Joliet, IL] and Josefa Cigoz [died 1874, Austria]. They borrowed their wedding rings from Anton Oberstar and Aloyzia (Louise) Birsa Oberstar.

Michael owned his first home at 11 South Hickory Street in Joliet, and took a loan from the Westphal Bank on Bluff Street. Daughters Angela (04 September 1898), Ann (22 February 1900) and Mary (09 July 1902) were born there. This house still stands across the street from the Joliet Catholic High School building. Then, in 1904, Michael Ursich bought property at 115 Indiana Street for $900. Michael also owned property at 105 Cora Street in Joliet and on Belleview Avenue in Rockdale, IL.

For a time, Michael worked for the state of Illinois along the Illinois and Michigan Canal in Lemont, Illinois. This 100-mile waterway was hand dug and completed in 1848. "The 60 foot wide canal and adjoining waterways stretched from Chicago's Navy Pier, along the Cal-Sag Channel south through Joliet to LaSalle-Peru, and provided the West's first efficient, affordable transportation, with its 15 locks and popular passenger packets and mule-towed freight barges". In the canal's heyday, from 1848 to 1917, industry burgeoned, first from agriculture-related industries and limestone shipping and later from the metal and oil industries."[d] Michael and his brother-in-law, Anton Oberstar, built a raft which they poled up the canal each day to work in Lemont.

Michael worked for many years for the United States Steel Company on Scott Street, where he was recognized as a hard worker. He received a medal from Colonel Lambert, owner of the mill, as recognition for a job well done for some 45 years.

In 1932, at the age of 62, Michael returned to work at the American Steel and Wire Company. Michael was injured while working there - he was struck in the head with a steel wire and knocked to the floor with a fractured skull. After the accident, he retired.

Michael Ursich was instrumental as one of the main organizers of Saint Joseph Church in Joliet and served for many years as a church council member. He was one of the organizers of the Men's Holy Name Society, established 26 October 1919. He served as the society's first Vice-President [e]. He was also one of the organizers of Saint Joseph Lodge #2 of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.). He was an active lodge secretary for many years and received a gold pocket watch in recognition of his service to the KSKJ.

Michael's daughter, Angela, has many memories of her father. "Dad was a lot of fun. He could play the harmonica and even his grandchildren enjoyed the music. Dad was also active in church and parish activities. He was always on call and ready to help no matter what. He helped Mr. George Malovrh, ringing the church bells on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter. He also helped set up fairs and served on the church committee for many years. Dad was interested in politics. Each election, he would get in contact with each voter in his ward and pick them up with horse and buggy and take them to the polls and bring them back. Women did not vote at that time. He wore his frock coat and derby hat on Sundays and on other special occasions."

Vojvodina Kranjska.
Ducatus Carnioliae.

Škofija Ljubljanska.
Dioecesis Labacensis.

Štev. 178
Num.

Rojstni in krstni list. — Testimonium nativitatis et baptismi.

Iz rojstne in krstne knjige župnije (duhovnije) na Krki
Extractus e libro natorum et baptizatorum parochiae

Zvezek X stran — štev. 1
Tomus pagina numerus

Leto, mesec in dan Annus, mensis, dies	rojstva nativitatis	4/1 1870 / enatisoč osemsto in sedemdesetega / 4. januvarja
	krsta baptismi	1870, 4 januvarja
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Ime otrokovo Nomen infantis		Mihael,
Zakonski, nezakonski, sin, hči — Legitimus, illegitimus, filius, filia		zakonski sin
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan in vera Nomen, cognomen, conditio, religio	očeta patris	Matija Mrčič, 1/4 zemljak, rim. kat.
	matere matris	Marija Godec, rim. kat.
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan botrov Patrini		Anton Podržaj, 1/2 zemljak,
		Marija Poljanc, 1/2 zemlj.
Krstitelj — Baptizans		Peter Režek, kop. - l. r.

V dokaz resničnosti lastnoročni podpis in uradni pečat.
In quorum fidem subscriptio manu propria et sigillum officii.

Župni urad
Ex officio parochiali

na Krki, 13. novembra 1912.

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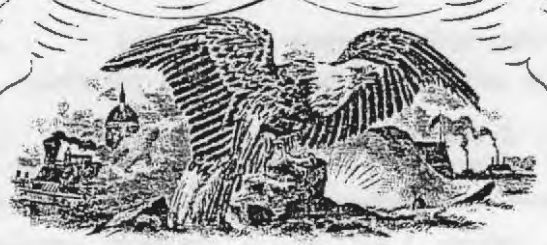
Bol. sum taxa

Franc Pešec
župnik

Michael Ursich, husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich: Certificate of Birth and Baptism
Village of Krka, book X, #1, dated 13 November 1912.

Katoliška Bukvarna. Št. 19. 813 09

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. COUNTY OF WILL.

Be it Remembered, That on the 22nd day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Four personally appeared before the Honorable Benjamin Olin Presiding Judge of the County Court of the County of Will, and State aforesaid, (the same being a Court of Record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a Seal and a Clerk), and sitting judicially for the dispatch of business at the Court House, in Joliet, in the County aforesaid

Michael Yesich

an alien, above the age of Twenty-one Years, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the several Acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject: and the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several Acts of Congress, and the Court being satisfied, as well from the oath of said applicant as from the testimony of Joseph Stukel and Michael Kravl who are known to be competent witnesses, that the said applicant has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois, and that during the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and appeared to be attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well-being and happiness of the same: and two years and upward having elapsed since the said applicant reported himself and filed his declaration of his intention as aforesaid, **It was ordered,** That the said applicant be permitted to take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state and sovereignty whatever, and more particularly all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to the Sovereign of Austria whereof he was heretofore a citizen or subject, which said oath having been administered to the said applicant by the Clerk of said Court, **It was ordered by the Court,** that the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court, under the seal of said Court accordingly.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF WILL. }

I, Henry K. Staveen Clerk of the County Court of said County and State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Records of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Seal of said Court is hereto affixed, at the Clerk's Office in Joliet, this 22nd day of October A. D. 1894, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 19th

Henry K. Staveen Clerk.

111	Francis[3] **URSICH**	died in infancy
112	Michael Ursich	died in infancy
113	Joseph[3] Ursich	b. 12 December 1892
114	Amelia Ursich Kostelc	b. 06 September 1896
115	Angela Ursich Setina	b. 04 September 1898
116	Ann (Sr. Engratia)	b. 22 February 1900
117	Mary Ursich Zeleznikar	b. 09 July 1902
118	Dorothy (Sr. Walburga)	b. 24 November 1905

References for Michael Ursich:

a Michael Ursich, Certificate of Birth and Baptism, village of Krka, book X, #1, dated 04 January 1870

b Michael Ursich, Naturalization Certificate, County Court of Will County, Illinois, 22 October 1894

c Marriage Certificate, State of Illinois, County of Will: Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa, 22 June 1891

d Chicago Tribune, 17 October 1984, section 9, page 15

e History of Saint Joseph's Parish, Joliet, Illinois 1891 - 1941, 50th Anniversary book published of Saint Joseph Parish, 1941

Also, oral history given by Angela Ursich Setina to her granddaughter, Jean Scholtes Zielinski about 1980

HISTORY OF THE

DOMINIC URSICH FAMILY

1 **DOMINIC URSICH** was born 08 September 1896 ? in the village Krka Yugoslavia and died __ September 1970, age 82. He was married 30 January 1912, Saint Joseph's Church, Joliet, Will County, Illinois to ANGELA BOLTE [b], born about __ December 1896 and died 11 May 1940, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Angela sister to Louis and Joseph Bolte and Anna Bolte Flander.

Dominic Ursich came to the United States when he was 18 years old. He became a citizen of the United States14 June 1920[a]. At that time, he was age 31, five feet, seven and one half inches tall, with brown hair and grey eyes. He lived with the Buchar family on Broadway Street in Joliet until his marriage. After his marriage he had a house built at 623 Summit Street in Joliet. The house number was later changed to 823 Summit, and his daughter, Bernice, currently resides in the home. Dominic had brothers: Tony Ursich, Joseph Ursich, John Ursich and a sister, Mary Ursich, who remained in Europe. [Michael Ursich, husband of Amalija Birsa Ursich, was probably Dominic's cousin.]

Dominic Ursich was employed as a wire puller at the American Steel and Wire Company in Joliet, Illinois.

Angela Bolte Ursich came to the United States when she was about three years old. She was married to Dominic Ursich when she was sixteen years old, and was seventeen years old when her first child was born.

Children of Dominic Ursich and Angela Bolte Ursich:

11 **Angela[2] Ursich** Moleski	b. 17 July 1913
12 **Joseph[2] Ursich**	b. 23 November 1915
13 **Bernice[2] Ursich** Suski	b. 03 July 1917
14 **Robert[2] Ursich**	b. 30 March 1919

References for Dominic Ursich:
a. Dominic Ursich, Certificate of Naturalization, 14 June 1920
b. Dominic Ursich, Certificate of Marriage 30 January 1912.

SECOND GENERATION DECENDANTS

Of

DOMINIC URSICH

11 ANGELA[2] URSICH CHMIELEWSKI (Dominic[1]) was born 17 July 1913 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 23 August 1991, Lemont, Illinois, age 78. She was married to JOSEPH J. CHMIELEWSKI, born 12 August 1907, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 01 May 1970, Lemont, Illinois, age 61. He was son of Joseph J. Chmielewski Sr. and Frances Suida

111 Phyllis[3] CHMIELEWSKI Tures	b. 12 April 1935
112 Robert Chmielewski	b. 29 August 1941
113 Janice Chmielewski	b. 27 June 1949

12 JOSEPH[2] URSICH "Foo Foo" (Dominic[1]) born 23 November 1915 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois and died 28 December 1942, age 27. Killed in action in Guadalcanal during World War II, and was buried in Guadalcanal for five years. After that time, his body was returned to the United States.

Joseph Ursich was a graduate of Farragut Grade School, Joliet, Illinois. He was employed at the American Can Company prior to induction into the army.

13 BERNICE A.[2] URSICH SUSKI (Dominic[1]) born 03 July 1917 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois She was married to FRANCIS M. SUSKI Sr., born 30 September 1916 and died 18 May 1995, Joliet, Will County, Illinois, the son of Michael Suski and Mary Gretz. Fred retired in 1980 from United States Steel after 43 years of

service. He was president of the American Slovenian Home for 40 years. Bernice and Fred live in the home which belonged to Dominic Ursich at 823 Summit Street, Joliet, Illinois.

131 Frances M.[3] SUSKI Jr. b.

12 **ROBERT J.[2] URSICH** (Dominic[1]) born 29 March 1919, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. He was married 23 April 1949, Saint Mary Nativity Church, Joliet, IL to FRANCES KNEZETICH, born 15 April 1919, Joliet, IL, the daughter of Paul Knezetich [b. 18 January 1868, Croatia - d. April 1949] and Barbara Petrusich [b. 1878, Croatia - d. 12 February 1922, Joliet]. He died 04 February 1999, Joliet, Will County, Illinois and is buried St. Mary Cemetery.

Robert was a graduate of Joliet Township High School 1938. He served with the United States Air Force 1941-1945, working as a flight engineer on B-29 airplanes, attaining the rank of Second Lieutenant. Robert was a foreman for Commonwealth Edison, retiring after 34 years. His hobbies included golf and reading.

THIRD GENERATION DECENDANTS

Of

DOMINIC URSICH

111 **PHYLLIS[3] CHMILEWSKI** (Angela[2] Ursich, Dominic[1] Ursich) was born 12 April 1935, Lemont, Cook County, Illinois. She was married 19 October 1957, Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Lemont, IL to DONALD TURES, born 20 May 1932, Evanston, IL. Donald is the son of Nicholas Tures [b. 12 December 19902, Evanston, IL - d. 15 June 1969, Joliet, IL] and Margaret Allare Tures [b. 06 August 1904, Skokie, IL - d. 23 March 1988, Joliet, IL]. Phyllis is a graduate of Saints Cyril and Methodius Grade School, Lemont, IL 1949; Saint Francis Academy, Joliet, IL 1953; Joliet Junior College, May 1955. She worked as a secretary at Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL from 1953-1958. She works in sales for Marshall Fields 1991 - present. Phyllis enjoys playing bridge and golf; and gourmet cooking. She is a volunteer for her church and the grade school.

1111 Stephen D.[4] TURES b. 10 February 1958
1112 Joseph N. Tures b. 01 March 1960
1113 Robert J. Tures b. 03 December 1964
1114 Matthew T. Tures b. 01 November 1968
1115 Dana A. Tures b. 27 November 1975

112 ROBERT[3] CHMIELEWSKI (Angela[2] Ursich, Dominic[1] Ursich) was born 29 August 1941 Lemont, Cook County, Illinois. He was married 25 June 1966, Queen of Peace Church, Madison, Sane County, Wisconsin to JUDITH A. LARSON, born 07 April 1940. Judith is the daughter of L. Mathew Larson [b. 12 February 1908, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin - d. 29 November 1979, Madison, WI] and Cecelia Palskill [b. 20 October 1906, Mineral Point, WI - d. 26 August 1998, Brookfield, WI]. Robert is a graduate of Saints Cyril and Methodius Grade School, Lemont, IL 19__; Joliet Catholic High School, Joliet, IL 19__; Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 19__. Robert is employed as an insurance agent with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company since 1965. He enjoys basketball, golf, running, downhill skiing. He is active in the rotary Youth Exchange and Marquette University Athletic fundraising.

1121 Carolyn C.[4] CHMIELEWSKI b. 09 January 1969
1122 Ellen A. Chmielewski b. 02 June 1971

113 JANICE[3] CHMILEWSKI (Angela[2] Ursich, Dominic[1] Ursich)

131 FRANCIS[3] SUSKI Jr. (Bernice[2] Suski, Dominic[1] Ursich)

1311 Nicole[4] **SUSKI** b
1312 Michell Suski b

132 KATHLEEN[3] SUSKI Jr. (Bernice[2] Suski, Dominic[1] Ursich)
born
married (1) to Steven Rittof II
married (2) to Terrance Holden

1321 Steven[4] **RITTOF** III b
1322 Matthew Rittof b
1323 Corey **HOLDEN** b

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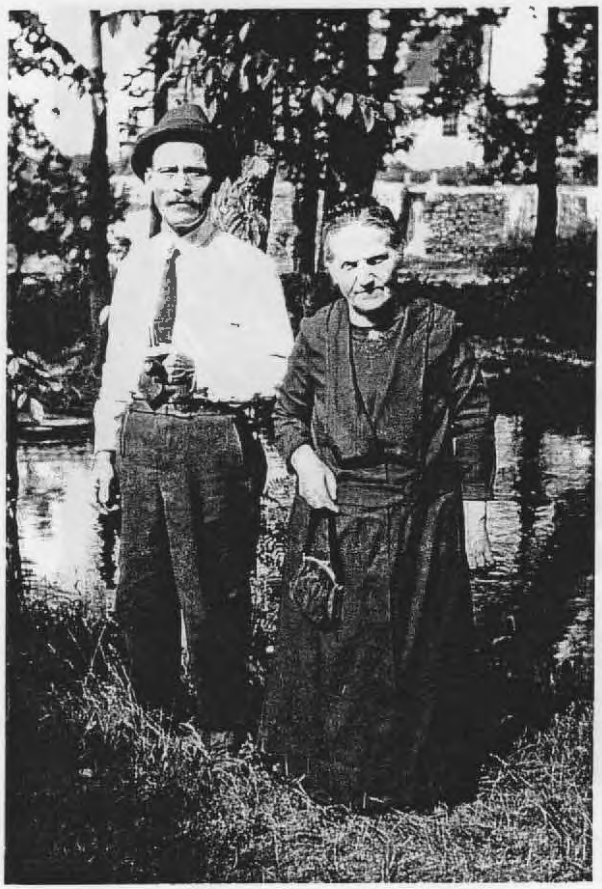
Amalija Birsa - Michael Ursich
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

Married 22 June 1891
Saint John's Church, Joliet, Illinois



Michael Ursich and Amalija Birsa Ursich
(1862 - 1956) - (1870 - 1944)

photo taken about 1924
[note resemblance of Michael Ursich to photos of Tony Ursich. Were they brothers?]

STATE of ILLINOIS

This Certifies that

COUNTY OF WILL.

Dorrijan Ursic of Joliet State of Ill.

Miss Angela of Bolte of Joliet State of Ill.

WERE UNITED IN

MARRIAGE

According to the Ordinance of GOD and the Laws of the State of Illinois at Joliet in said County on the 30 of January in the year of

WITNESS Joseph Bolte
Ana Stukel

OUR LORD One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve

John Kranjec, Rector of St. Joseph's Church

No. 1357067

To be given to the person Naturalized.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Petition: Volume 7 Number 1429

Description of holder: Age, 31 years; height, 5 feet, 7½ inches; color, white; complexion, medium; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, brown; visible distinguishing marks, - none -

Name, age, and place of residence, of wife Angela Ursich, age 24 years, residing at 623 Summit St., Joliet, Illinois

Names, ages, and places of residence, of minor children Angela, age 6 years; Joseph, age 4 years; Bernice, age 2 years, and Robert, age 1 year; all residing at Joliet, Illinois

ORIGINAL

State of Illinois,)
County of Will) S.S.: Dominik Ursich

(Signature of holder.)

Be it remembered, that Dominik Ursich, then residing at number 623 Summit Street, ~~City~~ of Joliet, ~~State~~ Territory ~~or District~~ of Illinois, who previous to ~~his~~ naturalization was a ~~citizen~~ subject of Austria, having applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America pursuant to law, and, at a regular term of the Circuit Court of said Will County, held at Joliet, Illinois on the 14th day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Twenty, the court having found that the petitioner had resided continuously within the United States for at least five years, and in this ~~State~~ Territory ~~or District~~ for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the filing of ~~his~~ petition, and that said petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, had in all respects complied with the law in relation thereto, and that he was entitled to be so admitted, it was thereupon ordered by the said court that he be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of said court is hereunto affixed on the 14th day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Twenty, and of our Independence the one hundred and forty-fourth

Louis H. Siepenbrink
Clerk Circuit Court
(Official character of attestor.)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

FORM NO. 1217-A TRUST DEED.—JOLIET REPUBLICAN PRINTING COMPANY

This Indenture, WITNESSETH, That the GrantorS, Dominik Ursick and Angela Ursick, husband and wife,

of the City of Joliet, in the County of Will, and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of Eighteen hundred (1800.00)= Dollars, in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to Robert T. Kelly, Trustee,

of the City of Joliet, County of Will, and State of Illinois the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot Twenty-six (26) in P. R. Bannon's Subdivision of the East half (½) of Block Fourteen (14) and of part of Block Eighteen (18) in A. Doty's Subdivision of part of the South half (½) of the South half (½) of Section Four (4) in Township Thirty-five (35) North, of Range Ten (10) East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 39, of Will County, Illinois, Records;

situated in the County of Will, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois, and all right to retain possession of said premises after any default in payment, or a breach of any of the covenants or agreements herein contained, in trust, nevertheless, for the following purposes:

WHEREAS, The said Dominik Ursick and Angela Ursick, husband and wife,

GrantorS, herein are justly indebted upon five (5) PromissoryNoteS, bearing even date herewith, payable to the order of themselves and by them duly executed, endorsed and delivered; three of said notes being for the principal sum of Five hundred (500.00) Dollars, each, and due and payable in three (3) years after date; one of said notes being for the principal sum of Two hundred (200.00) Dollars, due and payable in two (2) years after date; and one of said notes being for the principal sum of One hundred (100.00) Dollars, due and payable in one (1) year after date; all of said notes bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum payable semi annually and all of said notes bear interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum after maturity.

Both principal and interest are payable at the Joliet National Bank in Joliet, Illinois.

NOW, If default be made in the payment of the said five (5) PromissoryNoteS, or of any part thereof, or the interest thereon, or any part thereof, at the time and in the manner above specified for the payment thereof, or in case of waste, or non-payment of taxes or assessments on said premises, or of a breach of any of the covenants or agreements herein contained, then in such case the whole of said principal sum and interest, secured by the said five (5) PromissoryNoteS, shall thereupon, at the option of the legal holder or holders thereof, become immediately due and payable; and, on the application of the legal holder of said PromissoryNoteS, or either of them, it shall be lawful for the said grantee, or his successor in trust, to enter into and upon and take possession of the premises hereby granted, or any part thereof, and to collect and receive all rents, issues and profits thereof; and, in his own name or otherwise, to file a bill or bills in any court having jurisdiction thereof, against the said party of the first part, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to obtain a decree for the sale and conveyance of the whole or any part of said premises, for the purposes herein specified, by said party of the second part, as such trustee or as special commissioner, or otherwise, under order of court, and out of the proceeds of any such sale to first pay the costs of such suit, all costs of advertising, sale and conveyance, including the reasonable fees and commissions of said party of the second part, or person who may be appointed to execute this trust, and One hundred(100.00) Dollars attorney's and solicitor's fees, and also all other expenses of this trust, including all moneys advanced for abstracts of title, insurance, taxes and other liens or assessments with interest thereon at seven per cent. per annum, then to pay the principal of said noteS, whether due and payable by the terms thereof or the option of the legal holder thereof, and interest due on said noteS up to the time of such sale, rendering the overplus, if any, unto the said party of the first part, their legal representatives or assigns, on reasonable request, and to pay any rents that may be collected after such sale and before the time of redemption expires, to the purchaser or purchasers of said premises at such sale or sales, and it shall not be the duty of the purchaser to see to the application of the purchase money.

AND The said grantorS covenant and agree that they will keep all buildings that may at any time be upon said premises, insured against fire in such companies as the holder of said notes shall direct, for their full insurable value, and make the loss, if any, payable to, and deposit the policies of insurance and all renewal certificates therefor with, the party of the second part, as further security for the indebtedness aforesaid.

AND It is further provided and agreed, that upon the filing of any bill of complaint in any court having jurisdiction thereof, to foreclose this Trust Deed, such court may, upon application therefor, appoint Henry F. Hammel or any suitable person receiver, with power to receive and collect the rents, issues and profits arising out of the said premises during the pendency of such foreclosure proceeding, and until the time to redeem from any sale made under any decree foreclosing this Trust Deed, shall expire, and such rents, issues and profits may be applied toward the payment of the indebtedness and costs in such proceeding, and that said receiver may have such other or further powers in the premises as to the court shall seem meet and equitable.

WHEN The said noteS and all expenses accruing under this Trust Deed shall be fully paid, the said grantee or his successor or legal representatives shall re-convey all of said premises remaining unsold to the said grantorS, Dominik Ursick and Angela Ursick, or their heirs or assigns, upon receiving his reasonable charges therefor. In case of the death, resignation, removal from said Will County, or other inability to act of said grantee Robert T. Kelly, Trustee, then Charles G. Pearce of said Will County is hereby appointed and made first Successor in Trust herein and if for any cause said first Successor should fail or refuse to act then the then acting Recorder of Deeds of said Will County is hereby appointed and made second successor in trust herein, with like power and authority, as is hereby vested in said grantee. It is agreed that said grantorS shall pay all costs and attorney's fees incurred or paid by said grantee or the holder or holders of said noteS in any suit in which either of them may be plaintiff or defendant, by reason of being a party to this Trust Deed, or a holder of said noteS, and that the same shall be a lien on said premises, and may be included in any decree ordering the sale of said premises and taken out of the proceeds of any sale thereof.

WITNESS the hand S and seal S of the said grantorS, this 25th day of August A. D. 1917.

Dominik Ursick [SEAL]

Angela Ursick [SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

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STATE OF Illinois,
County of Will, } ss.

I, Henry F. Hammel, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Dominik Ursick and Angela Ursick, husband and wife, who are

personally known to me to be the same person S whose name S are subscribed to the foregoing Instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said Instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 25th day of August A. D. 1917.

Henry F. Hammel
Notary Public.

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TRUST DEED

DOMINIK URSICK and ANGELA URSICK, husband and wife

TO

ROBERT T. KELLY, TRUSTEE.

No. 304833

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
County of Will, }

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in the County aforesaid, on the 27 day of August A. D. 1917 at 2.43 o'clock P M., and recorded in Book 526 Page 80

William W Smith
Recorder of Deeds.

Fee, $1.75. Paid.

Interest paid to Feb. 25, 1918.
Interest paid to Aug. 25, 1918.
Amount paid to Feb. 25, 1919.
Interest paid to Aug. 25, 1919.

Paid June 27, 1919.

Dominik Ursich

Angela Ursich

Form No. 1014-A **RELEASE.**—JOLIET REPUBLICAN PRINTING COMPANY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Robert T. Kelly, Trustee,

of the County of Will and State of Illinois for and in consideration of One Dollar, to me in hand paid, and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed, do hereby grant, bargain, remise, convey, release and quit-claim unto Dominik Ursick and Angela Ursick, of the County of Will and State of Illinois all the right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever I may have acquired in, through or by a certain indenture or Trust deed, bearing date the 25th day of August, A. D. 1917, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Will County, Illinois, in Book 526 of Records page 89 to the premises therein described, and which said deed was made to secure five certain promissory notes bearing even date with said deed, for the aggregate sum of Eighteen Hundred (1800.00) Dollars and no Cents.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of August, A. D. 1920.

Robt T Kelly Trustee .....[SEAL.]

.....[SEAL.]

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RELEASE.

ROBERT T. KELLY, TRUSTEE.

to

DOMINIK URSICK & ANGELA URSICK.

No. 322609

STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Will, } ss.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in the County aforesaid, on the 2 day of September A. D. 1920, at 3 47 o'clock P M., and recorded in Book 572 page 305

William W Smith
Recorder of Deeds.

Fee, 50c, Paid.

Mail to Grantees;
623 Summit Street,
Joliet, Illinois.

STATE OF Illinois,
Will County, } ss.

I, Henry F. Hummel, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Robert T. Kelly, Trustee, who is personally known to me as the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as his free and voluntary act as such Trustee for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal, this 30th day of August, A. D. 1920.

Henry F. Hummel
Notary Public.

Certificate
of
Birth and Baptism

St. Joseph's Church
Joliet, Ill.

This is to certify That Joseph Ursich

Child of Dominic Ursich

and Angela born Bolte

born on the 23d day of November 19 15

was Baptized

on the 5th day of December 19 15

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

the Sponsors being { Anton Bolte
Anna Bolte

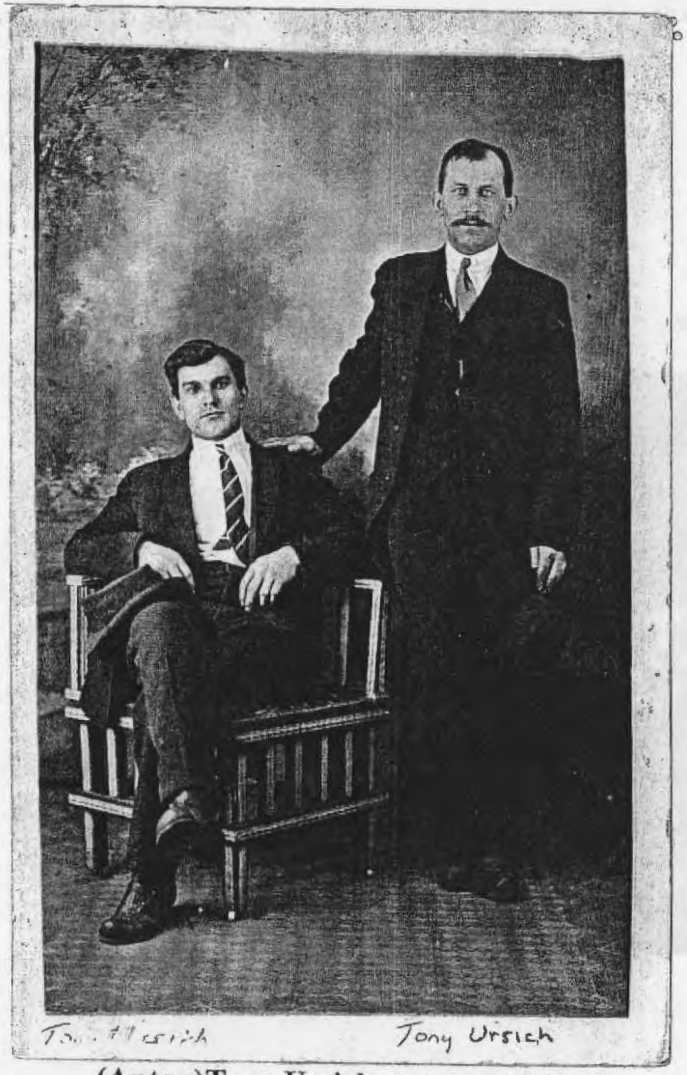
as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Rev. John P. Evanick
Rector.

Joliet, Ill., December 22, 19 31

Family of
Dominik Ursich and Angela Bołte
(1896 – 1970) - (1896? – 1940)

Left to Right: **Dominik Ursich,**
daughter Bernice Ursich Suski,
her husband, Fred Suski
and their daughter, Kathy Suski



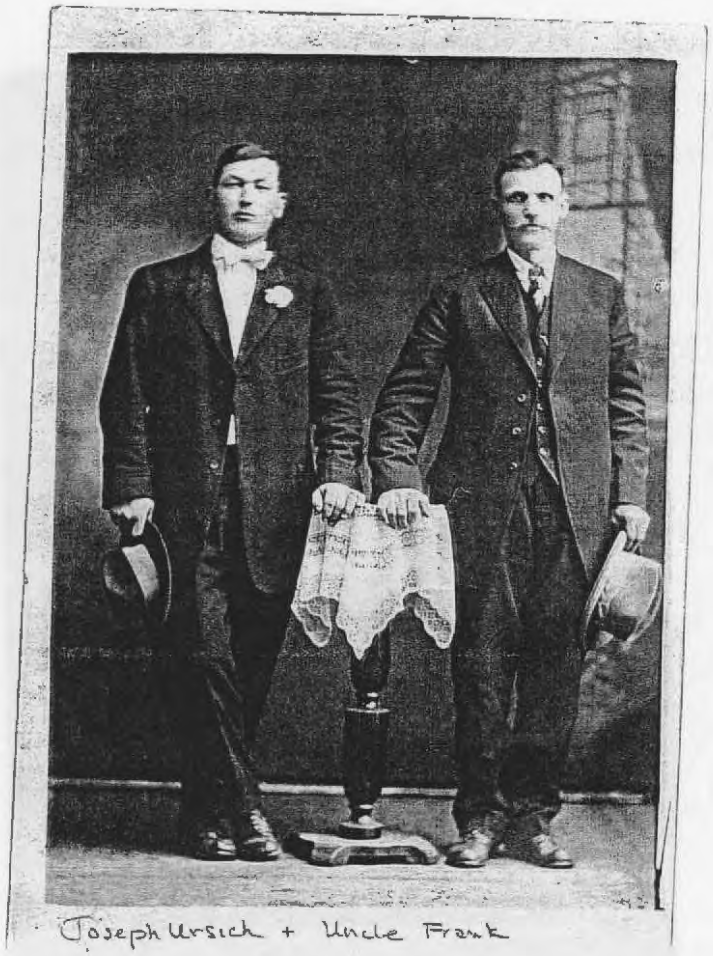
(Anton)Tony Ursich (right) **and friend.**

Anton (Tony) Ursich (left) **and friend**

[Tony Ursich could be a brother to either Michael Ursich or Dominick Ursich. Each had a brother, Anton (Tony); however, the post card was sent to Michael Ursich.]

Joseph Ursich – Joseph Bolte – Dominik Ursich

Brothers Joseph and Dominik Ursich
and Dominik's brother-in-law, Joseph Bolte,
brother of Dominik's wife, Angela Bolte Ursich (married 30 January 1912)



Joseph Ursich and uncle, Frank Ursich*

Joseph Ursich was a brother to Dominik Ursich.
Frank Ursich was a brother to Michael Ursich;
Frank and Michael were sons of Matija Ursic and Marija Godec.
Joseph and Dominik Ursich were called cousins of Michael Ursich,
but the names of their parents are not known at this time

*Frank Ursich, brother of Michael Ursich, came to America frequently to earn money to pay debts or buy property, but he did not settle in the United States.

Joseph Ursich

son of Dominik Ursich and Angela Bolte Ursich

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."
St. Matt. V 5.

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

CPL. JOSEPH URSICH

Born November 23, 1915
Died in Action Dec. 28, 1942

* * *

PRAYER

O gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant, bring him far from the shadow of exile to the bright home of Heaven, where, we trust Thou and Thy Blessed Mother have woven him a crown of unending bliss. — Amen.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

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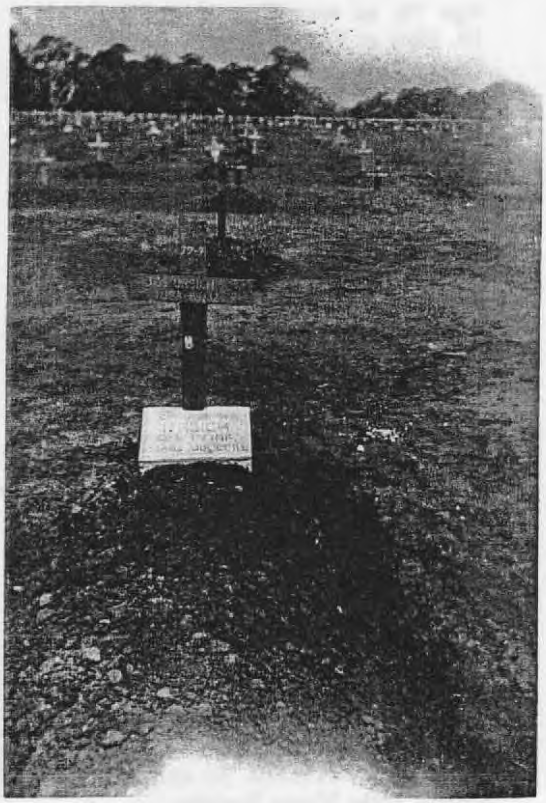


Gravesite of Joseph A. Ursich, killed in action during World War II.
Inscribed on cross: 79-9
Jos. Ursich B-132
Inscribed on stone: Cpl Joseph A.
URSICH
Co B 132 INF
12-28-42 JOLIET ILL

Francis M. Suski,
Husband of Bernics A. Ursich,
daughter of
Dominik Ursich and Angela Bolte Ursich

Robert J. Ursich
son of
Dominik Ursich and Angela Bolte Ursich

SUSKI, FRANCIS M. SR.
"STASH"

Age 78, at rest Thursday, May 18, 1995 at Saint Joseph Medical Center. Survived by his beloved wife of fifty-five years, Bernice A. (nee Ursich) Suski. Loving father of Francis M. (Donis) Suski Jr. and Kathleen (Terry) Holden. Dearest grandfather of Nichole and Michele Suski, Corey Holden, Stephen III and Matthew Rittof; two sisters, Lucille (Homer, deceased) Richards, Rosemary Suski; one brother-in-law, Robert (Frances) Ursich; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded by his parents, Michael and Mary (nee Gretz) Suski; four sisters, Martha Harney, Gertrude Doyle, Helen Bruening, Josephine Piechowak; two brothers, Joseph and Robert Suski. Fred was born in Joliet and a life long resident. Retired in 1980 from U.S. Steel after forty-three years of service. President of the American Slovanian Home past forty years. Member of St. Joseph Society K.S.K.J. #2 and St. Joseph Holy Name Society.

TEZAK FUNERAL HOME
459 N. Ottawa St., Joliet 815-722-0524
From where funeral services will be held Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Joliet for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m.
Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.
St. Joseph Holy Name will meet Friday 3:30 p.m.
Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m.

Robert J. Ursich, Sr.

"Doc"
Age 79. At rest Thursday, February 4, 1999 at Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center.

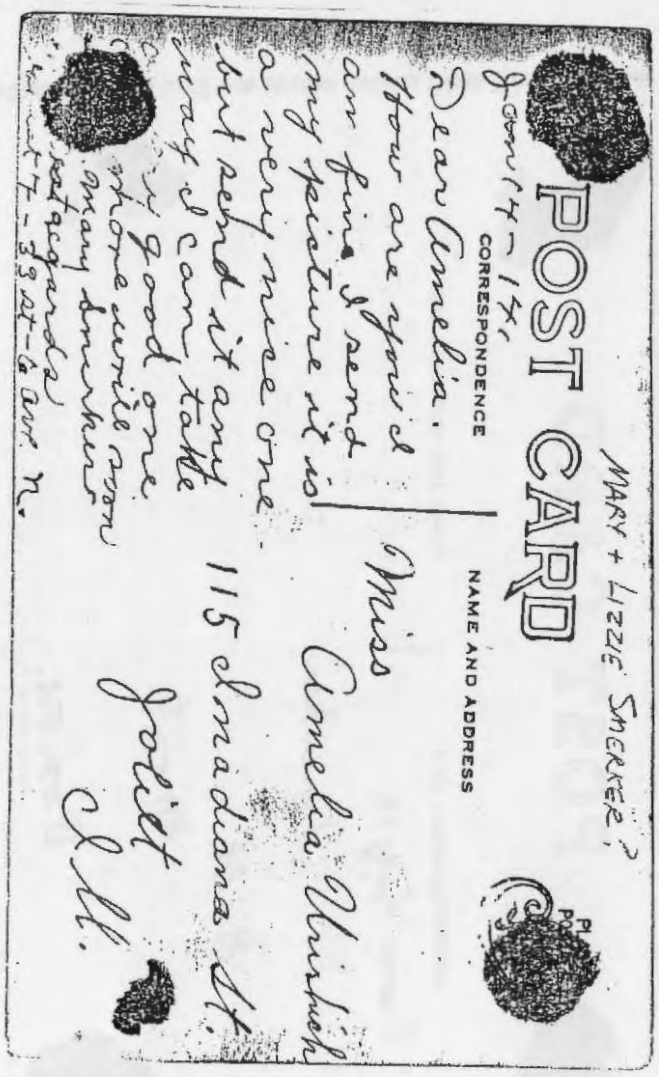
Survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Frances B. nee Knezetich Ursich; loving father of Robert J. Ursich, Jr. of Chicago, Frances M. Ursich of Joliet; one sister, Bernice (Frederick deceased) Suski of Joliet; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Preceded by his parents, Dominik and Angela nee Bolte Ursich; one sister, Angela Chmielewski and one brother, Joseph Ursich (in action World War II).

Robert was born March 29, 1919 in Joliet and a lifelong resident. Retired from Commonwealth Edison after 34 years of service. Veteran U.S. Airforce from 1941-1945, serving as a Second Lieutenant. Member St. Mary Nativity Men's Club and the JoAnites. He will be remembered for his kindness and willingness to help others in need.

Memorials to St. Mary Nativity Church would be appreciated.

TEZAK FUNERAL HOME
459 N. Ottawa St., Joliet 722-0524
from where funeral services will be held Monday, February 8 at 9:30 to St. Mary Nativity Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am
Interment St. Mary Cemetery.
St Mary Mens Club will meet Sun 4pm
Visitation Sunday, 3-8pm



Mary and Lizzie Smerker

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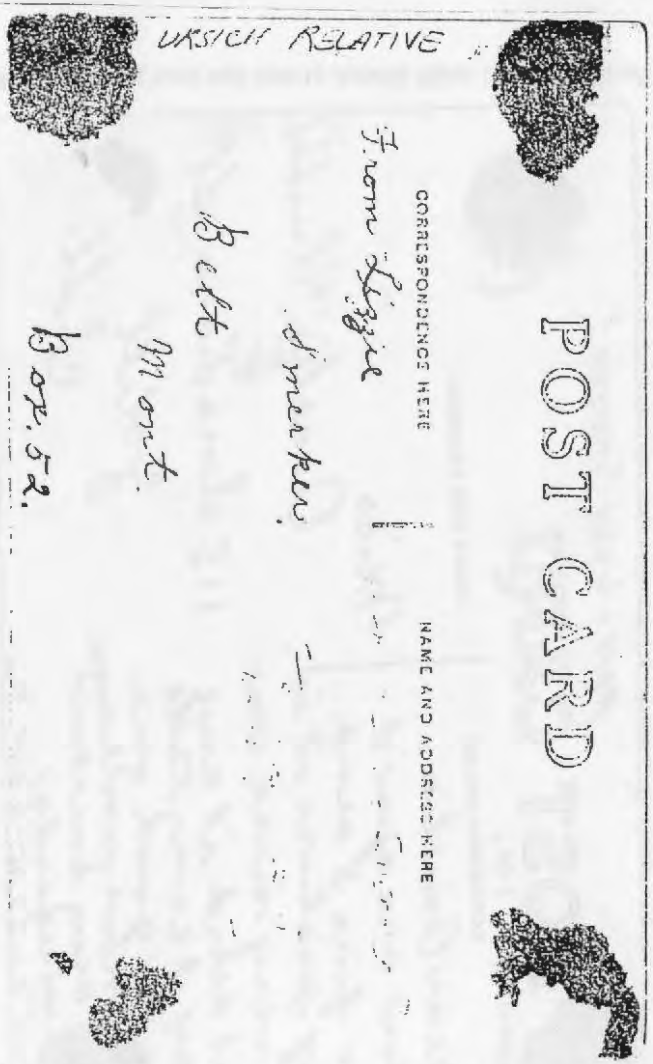

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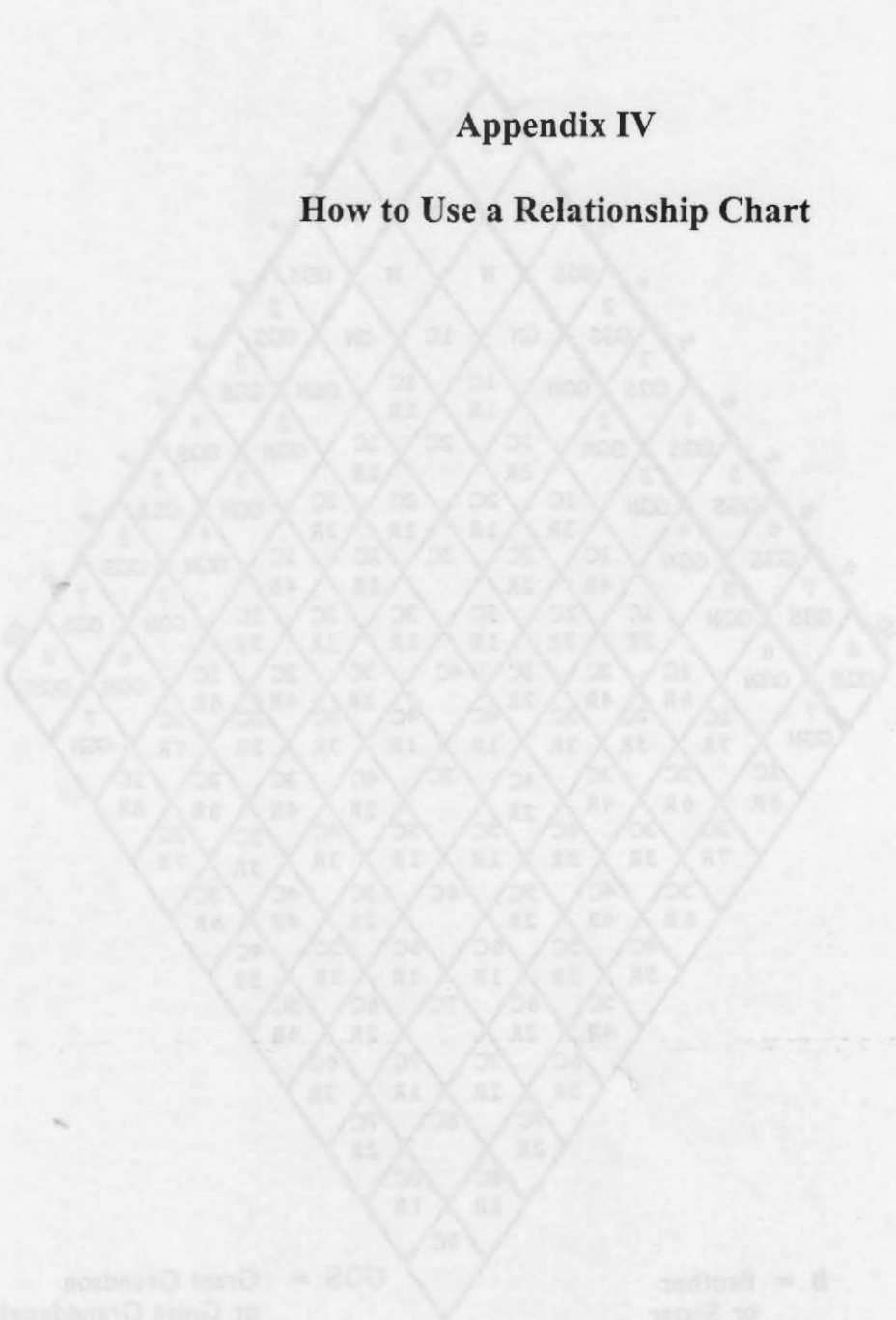
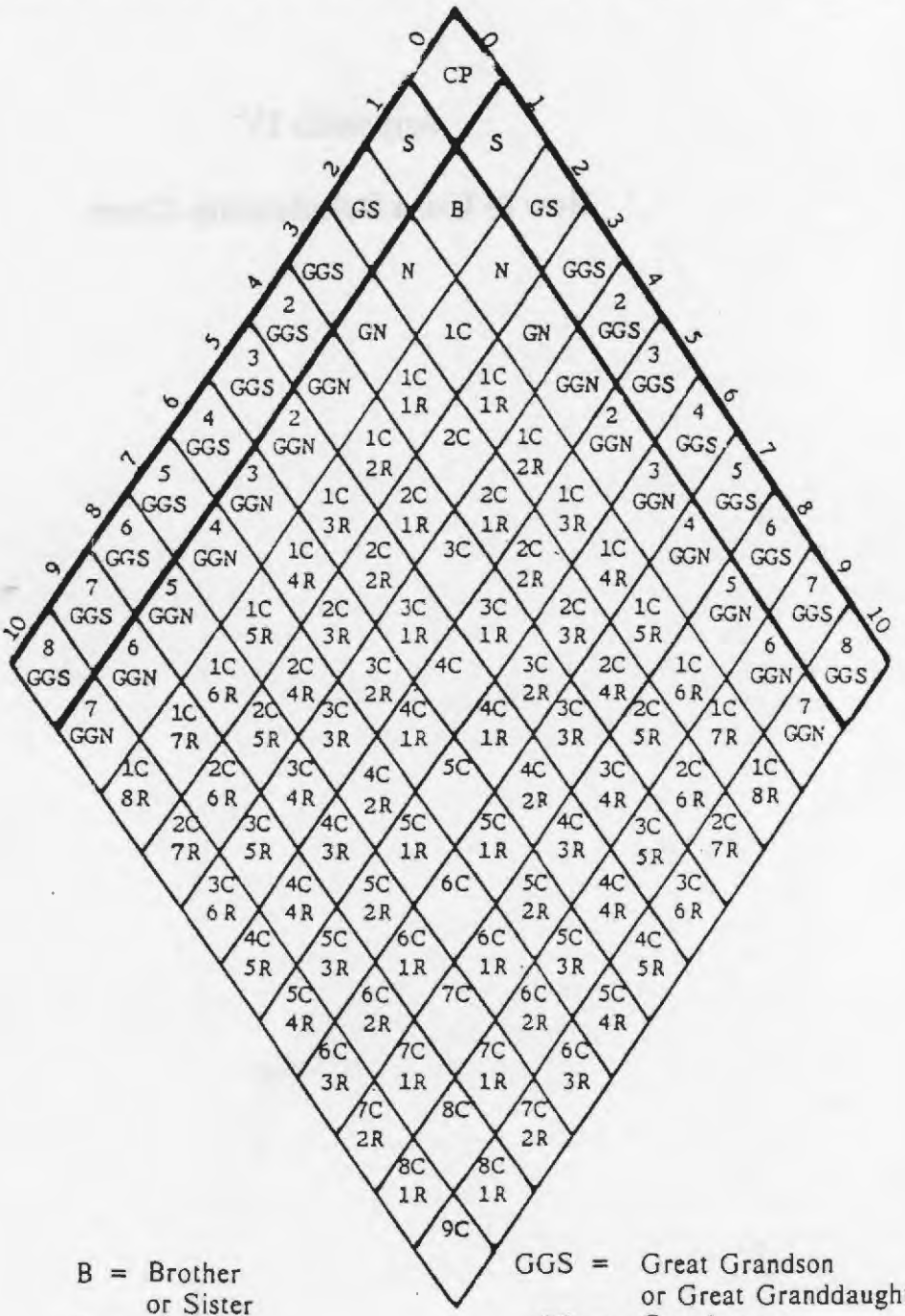
Appendix IV

How to Use a Relationship Chart



COMMON OR CANON LAW RELATIONSHIP CHART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8C 1R 9C 8C 1R

B = Brother or Sister
C = Cousin
CP = Common Progenitor
GGN = Great Grandnephew or Great Grandniece
GGS = Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter
GS = Grandson or Granddaughter
N = Nephew or Niece
R = Times removed
S = Son or daughter

How to Use Relationship Chart

You will note that the two upper columns are outlined in heavy lines. These are the common progenitor and his descendants. "CP" stands for common progenitor, the one who is the head of the two lines of descendants. "S" is his son or daughter as the case may be; "GS" his grandson or granddaughter; "GGS" his great grandson or granddaughter, "2GGS" his second great grandson or granddaughter, and so on down to his eighth great grandson or granddaughter.

All the diamonds inside these heavy lines show the relationship between his descendants. By following columns "1" from both sides of the chart we find they cross on the "B" diamond, showing that the sons of the common progenitor are brothers. By following columns "2" to the center we find they cross at the "1C" diamond, indicating that grandsons of the common progenitor are first cousins to each other. And so on down: his great grandsons are second cousins; his second great grandsons are third cousins; his third great grandsons are fourth cousins, etc.

To this point few people have trouble in figuring relationships. It is when they start to figure the "cousinship" and the "times removed" that they have difficulty. But with this chart, you will find no trouble with any combination up to the tenth generation, and by following the pattern set by this chart, you can go as many generations as you desire. Say you want to figure your relationship to a distant cousin. You are eight generations removed from the common progenitor, or his sixth great grandson. Your "distant cousin" is six generations removed or his fourth great grandson on another line. To figure your exact relationship, simply follow columns "8" on the one side and "6" on the other to where they cross and you find "5C 2R" indicating you are fifth cousins twice removed.

If you want to find your relationship to the son of your fifth great grandfather, follow columns "1" and "7", which show you are his fourth great grandnephew (4GGN). Likewise, you are a first cousin six times removed (1C 6R) to the grandson of your sixth great grandfather.

The following terms may help you to understand relationship descriptions:

The parents of your father or mother are your grandfather and grandmother and you are a grandson to them. (GS)

The parents of your grandfather or grandmother are your great grandparents and you are a great grandson to them. (GGS)

The parents of your great grandmother or great grandfather are your second great grandparents and you are a second great grandson to them, etc., etc. (2GGS)

The children of your brothers and sisters are your nephews and nieces (N) and you are uncle or aunt to them.

The children of your nieces and nephews are your grandnieces or grandnephews (GN) and you are granduncle to them.

The children of your grandnephews and grandnieces are your great grandnephews or great grandnieces (GGN) and you are great granduncle to them.

Your father's brother or sister is your uncle or aunt and you are a nephew or niece to them. (N)

The children of your uncle or aunt are your first cousins and you are also their first cousin. (1C)

The children of your first cousins are first cousins once removed to you and you are the same to them. (1C 1R)

The son of your third great grandfather is your second great granduncle and you are a second grand grandnephew or niece to them.

The children of your second cousins are your second cousins once removed and you are the same to them.

The grandchildren of your second cousins are your second cousins twice removed and you are the same to them.

The great grandchildren of your second cousins are your second cousins thrice removed and you are the same to them.

The second great grandchildren of your second cousins are your second cousins four times removed and you are the same to them.

Here is the way I like to use the Relationship Chart.

To figure relationships, place the names of the common ancestor and wife on the top line. Now list your lineage from the common ancestor in one column down to and including yourself. Next, place the lineage of the other person in the other column down to and including that person. Now refer to the chart. The diamond at which the numbered paths meet will indicate the relationship. Remember that the common ancestor is never counted when figuring the steps down to the subject, just as it appears on the chart.

To give you an example: if we wanted to check my relationship to cousin David Birsa, we would do as follows:

	COMMON ANCESTOR	
Anton Birsa		Anton Birsa
Amalia Birsa Ursich	(1)	Benedict Birsa
Angela Ursich Setina	(2)	Joseph Birsa
Dorothy Setina Scholtes	(3)	David W. Birsa
Jean Scholtes Zielinski	(4)	

RELATIONSHIP = 2C, 1R

It comes out that we are second cousins once removed.

If you wish to know your relationship to the person listed at the top of the chart, look at the diamond (in heavy line) right next to your number and that will give it. Keep in mind that the word 'removed' indicates a step or generation away. For example, I am Anton Birsa's second great granddaughter and he is my second great grandfather.

Appendix VI

Related Oberstar History

This related Oberstar history is of interest to descendants of Anton Oberstar and Aloyzia[2] Birsa Oberstar. It traces additional history of the family of Franz Oberstar and Maria Maver, parents of Anton[2] Oberstar and Francisca[2] Oberstar Pomlade.

The Oberstar history which follows was researched and compiled by Larry[4] Pomada, using a software program called Family Tree Maker. He has been working on the family history for about 5 years, off and on. He made a trip to Slovenia almost 3 years ago to find relatives and information.
Larry is the grandson of Francisca[2] Oberstar Pomlade, who is a sister of Anton[2] Oberstar. Some of the history adds further details to the notes kept by Anton Oberstar in his personal notebook.

For further information, you may contact:
Larry Pomada
425-488-9170
17522 92 AVE NE
Bothell, WA 98011-3602
lcpomada@msn.com
pomlade@hotmail.com

Francisca Oberstar

Francisca was born to Franz Oberstar and Marija (Anna) (Maver) Oberstar on 4/18/1877 in their home at Kitenverh 8, Zagradec, Slovenia.

Kitenverh is a small cluster of about 12 homes surrounded by their farms, about 2 miles from the town of Zagradec, which is where the Catholic Church and the stores for supplies are located.

At the time of her birth records indicate that the family owned quite a large farm. When Tito occupied Slovenia he believed everyone should have equal property, so the farms where divided into 5 acre sections and distributed among the different residences.

People in the area would gather in Zagradec or other larger communities on Sunday for church, picnics and dances, which is how the Oberstar and the Pomlade family were to meet. The Pomlade family lived about 3 miles as the crow flies.

Ivana (Johana) Oberstar (January 13, 1875) was one of Francisca's sisters.

This story has been passed down by both the decedents of Ivana & Francisca. Janez (Johann) (John) Pomlade was promised to Ivana in marriage, but prior to marrying, Janez travels to the USA to work in the coal mines to make money to return and take Ivana's hand. He was gone about 5 years, too long for Ivana. She married Janez Kuhelj Feb. 6, 1899, having their first child Nov. 12, 1899. When Janez returned he found his love had married another. Janez took Francisca as his wife on Feb. 5, 1902 and headed for their new future in America.

Ivana & Janez Kuhelj inherited the farm and it remains in the family name today.

When Hitler came through the area many homes were destroyed, among those was the home that the Oberstar family occupied for so many years. There is a new home and new house number today is 3.

Upon arriving in America, Francisca's name was changed to Frances, Johann was changed to John and the last name was changed to Pomada. Janez and Francisca traveled to visited Francisca's brother, Anton, in Illinois, borrowed some money and headed west to settle near Seattle in Enumclaw, Washington. That was the last time that Anton or any of the Oberstars saw Francisca.

The Enumclaw area looked just like the area they had left behind in Slovenia, lush farm land at the foot of the mountains. They tried farming for a short time but could not make enough to live on so they moved to town. John went to work in the coal mine in Black Diamond, about 5 miles away. Later John went to work in the wood mill just outside of Enumclaw. They lived in a house in downtown Enumclaw until 1955.

In all Frances had 11 children. Anna born in 1908 died in 1909, Louie born 1909 and died at the age of 13 in 1922, of an infection, May 1917 and died the same year, and the remainder of the children lived at least to their 70s, married and had children.

Frances died of stomach cancer on Nov. 7, 1952.

John continued to live in the house until 1955 when he moved in with his son Frank and Margie, on their farm. In 1956 Frank and family moved to California, John lived in a nursing home until he died, after healing from a broken arm, "like an 18 year old", in Feb 1962.

Both John and Frances are buried in the Krane Cemetery just outside of Enumclaw. The Krane area is an area where several Slovenians settled and named it after the Krane area in their home land.

The children they had are:
Rose Pomada (Mead) - b. 4/07/1903 Enumclaw WA. - d. 1998 Chico Ca.
3 children – 5 grandchildren - 5 great grandchildren

John Pomada - b. 12/19/1904 Cumberland, WA - d. 7/26/1993 Ventura CA.
2 children – 5 grandchildren – 5 great grandchildren - 3 great great grandchildren

Anna Pomada b1908 – d. 1909 Enumclaw, WA

Louis Pomada - b.1909 – d. 1922 Enumclaw, WA

Francis Agnes Pomada (Kemp) - b. 12/5/1910 Enumclaw, WA – d. 12/5/85 Enumclaw, WA
2 children – 6 grandchildren

Christine P. Pomada (Swain) - b. 2/24/1913 Enumclaw, WA – d. 1/26/2000 Palm Springs, CA.
2 children

Frank Anthony Pomada - b. 5/18/1915 Enumclaw, WA – d. 7/31/1976 Lynnwood, WA.
3 children - 9 grandchildren – 5 great grandchildren

May Pomada b.1917 – d.1917 Enumclaw, WA.

Joseph William Pomada – b.8/13/1917 Enumclaw, WA – d. 10/24/1991 Pasco, WA
2 children – 3 grandchildren

Bernadine Pomada (Stuard) – b. 3/19/1919 Enumclaw, WA
1 child – 1 Grandchild

Katherine Pomada (Lockridge) – (Rich) – b. 12/19/1920 Enumclaw, WA
2 children –4 grandchildren

Memories of my grandmother Francis by Larry Pomada are:

She was short in height and stocky in size, but had a very loving and kind heart.

She loved to bake, Slovene Patiza pastry was my favorite.

She had mentioned she missed her homeland and family.

Certificate of Birth

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18 April 1877

Francisca (Franca) Oberstar
daughter of Franz Oberstar and Anna Maver

Slovenija

Nadškofija Ljubljanska
Archidioecesis Labacensis

št.:462/98
Num.

KRSTNI LIST - Testimonium baptismi

Iz krstne knjige župnije (duhovnije): Iz prepisa krstne knjige župnije ZAGRADEC Nadškofijskega ordinariata v Ljubljani
Extractus e libro baptizatorum parochiae

Zvezek: 1877 stran: 58 št.: 14
Tomus pagina numerus

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Datum krsta Dies baptismi		18. 04 1877	
Ime Nomen		FRANCISCA	
Zakonski, nezakonski, civilno zak. sin, hči Legitimus, illegit., civ. legit. filius, filia		zakonska hči	
Priimek, ime, poklic, vera	očeta patris	Franz Oberstar Hübler, katholisch	rojen: natus
			poročena: copulati
Cognomen, nomen, conditio, religio	matere matris	Anna Maver katholisch	rojena: nata
Kraj, št., župnija bivališča staršev Locus, num., parochia commorationis parentum		Kitenverh 8 Zagradec	
Priimek, ime, poklic botrov Cognomen, nomen, conditio patrinorum		Anton Lekan, Hübler Ursula Košak, Hübler	
Krstitelj Baptizans		Jakob Krašna, Pfarrer	
Opomba (pozakonitev, birma, poroka, itd.) Adnotatio (legitim., confirm., matr., etc.)			

Nadškofijski ordinariat v Ljubljani dne 11. junij 1998

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Certificate of Birth

31 March 1870

Johann (Janez) Pomlade
son of Franz Pomlade and Maria Pajk

Slovenija

Nadškofija Ljubljanska
Archidioecesis Labacensis

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Iz krstne knjige župnije (duhovnije): ŠENTVID PRI STIČNI
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			poročena: copulati
Cognomen, nomen, conditio, religio	matere matris	Maria Pajk katholisch	rojena: nata
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Priimek, ime, poklic botrov Cognomen, nomen, conditio patrinorum		Valentin Pilih, 1/2 Hübler Marg. Rus, 1/2 Hüblersweib	
Krstitelj Baptizans		Knific Felix, Cooperator	
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ndr. Nicolaus Arh

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Certificate of Marriage

February 1902, Zagradec, Slovenia

Francisca (Franca) Oberstar, daughter of Franc Oberstar and Marija Maver
Janez Pomlade, son of Franz Pomlade and Marjia Pajk

Vojvodina Kranjska.
Ducatus Carnioliae.

Škofija Ljubljanska.
Dioecesis Labacensis.

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Kraj — Locus		Šmarje Kat. Župnik Zagradec	Address
Ženin — Sponsus:			
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, bivališče, stan, starost, samec, vdovec, vera Nomen, cognomen, domicilium, conditio, aetas, religio sponsi		Janez Pomlade Šmarje Kat. župnik, 1/2 gruntar, 37 let (5/3 1870) samec, rim. kat.	Farmer, ½ property owner, age 31 3/31/1870 single, Roman Catholic
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan, vera Nomen, cognomen conditio, religio	očeta patris	Franc Pomlade, 1/2 gruntar, rim. kat.	Father
	matere matris	Marija Pajk, rim. kat.	Mother
Nevesta — Sponsa:			
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, bivališče, stan, starost, samska, vdova, vera Nomen, cognomen, domicilium, conditio, aetas, religio sponsae		Franca Oberstar, Kitenverh št. 8, gruntarska hči, 24 let (18/4 77) svobodna, rim. kat.	Kitenverh 8, property owner daughter, Age 24 4/18/1877, Free, Roman Catholic
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan, vera Nomen, cognomen, conditio, religio	očeta patris	Franc Oberstar, nekdanji gruntar, rim. kat.	Father
	matere matris	Marija Maver, rim. kat.	Mother
Krstno in rodbinsko ime, stan, vera priče Testes		Pajk Jakob, 1/2 gruntar, stric rim. kat. Andrej Jože, 1/2 gruntar, rim. kat.	witnesses
Poročevalec — Copulans		Frančišek Perčič, župnik	Priest

V dokaz resničnosti lastnoročni podpis in uradni pečat.
In quorum fidem subscriptio manu propria et sigillum officii.

Župni urad
Ex officio parochiali Zagradec, dne 13. dec. 1913

Descendants of Franz (Franc) Oberstar

Generation No. 1

1. FRANZ (FRANC)[1] OBERSTAR was born November 11, 1840 in Auastria, and died March 05, 1908 in Auastria. He married ANNA (MARIJA) MAVER, daughter of JOSEPH MAVER and ANNA BAJT. She was born November 06, 1843 in Austria, and died September 15, 1907 in Austria.

More About ANNA (MARIJA) MAVER:
Died 2: September 15, 1907, 2 pm

Children of FRANZ OBERSTAR and ANNA MAVER are:

2. i. IVANA (JOHANA)[2] OBERSTAR, b. January 13, 1875, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. January 04, 1955, Sticni - Draga.
3. ii. FRANCISCA OBERSTAR, b. April 18, 1877, 8 Kitni Vrh, Slovenia; d. November 07, 1952, Enumclaw,(Krane) King C., Wa USA.
4. iii. ANTON OBERSTAR, b. June 09, 1870, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia (Austria); d. December 30, 1945, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
iv. MARY OBERSTAR, b. 1868.

Generation No. 2

2. IVANA (JOHANA)[2] OBERSTAR *(FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born January 13, 1875 in Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia, and died January 04, 1955 in Sticni - Draga. She married JANEZ KUHELJ February 06, 1899 in Zagradec, Slovenia. He was born February 08, 1865, and died January 05, 1933.

More About IVANA (JOHANA) OBERSTAR:
Fact 1: 1955, died
Fact 2: February 06, 1899, Married to Janez Kuhelj
Fact 3: 5 childeren died at birth

Children of IVANA OBERSTAR and JANEZ KUHELJ are:

5. i. JANEZ[3] KUHELJ, b. November 12, 1899, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. November 24, 1945, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia.
ii. ANGELA KUHELJ, b. October 04, 1900.

More About ANGELA KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Was a Nun served in Sariabo
Fact 2: Died in Ljubjiana

iii. MARIJA KUHELJ, b. February 27, 1904, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. Zagradec, Slovenia; m. ? GROS, Zagradec, Slovenia.

More About MARIJA KUHELJ:
Fact 1: became a Nun served in Germany
Fact 2: Natzies broke up order
Fact 3: she married a German
Fact 4: Had a son who died at 17 aged quickly as old man
Fact 5: Had connections with relatives in USA & Switzerland to get medicine
Fact 6: After WWII they were poor and recieved clothes and medicine from USA
Fact 7: served as nun also in Sticni

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iv. IVANA KUHELJ, b. May 24, 1908, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. Zagradec, Slovenia.

More About IVANA KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Twin with Kristina
Fact 2: never married

6. v. KRISTINA KUHELJ, b. May 24, 1908.
vi. TEREZIJA KUHELJ, b. October 14, 1909; d. Sticni - Draga.

More About TEREZIJA KUHELJ:
Fact 1: became a nun

vii. FRANCISEK (FRANK) KUHELJ, b. August 23, 1911, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; m. GABRIELA, January 28, 1948, Refuge camp, Austria.

More About FRANCISEK (FRANK) KUHELJ:
Fact 1: At 20 joined a monistary, Cistercgia, a French order, St. Bernardo patron Saint
Fact 2: Fled from Slovenia to Austria in refuge camp
Fact 3: Met and married Gabrielain refuge camp
Fact 4: 1948 Imigrated to Argentina through an Italian port at Jeneia
Fact 5: Lived in Arentina for 12 years driving buss.
Fact 6: Imigrated to USA

7. viii. JOSIPINA (JOZICA) KUHELJ, b. October 13, 1915, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia.

3. FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR *(FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born April 18, 1877 in 8 Kitni Vrh, Slovenia, and died November 07, 1952 in Enumclaw,(Krane) King C., Wa USA. She married JOHANN (JANEZ) POMADA POMLADE' February 05, 1902 in Zagradec, Slovenia, son of FRANZ POMLADE' and MARJIA PAJK. He was born March 31, 1870 in Lucarjev Kal Sentvid pri Sticni, Slovenia, and died February 1962 in Seattle, (Krane) King Co., Wa..

Children of FRANCISCA OBERSTAR and JOHANN POMLADE' are:

8. i. ROSE[3] POMADA, b. April 07, 1903, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. 1998, Chico, CA, USA.
9. ii. JOHN POMADA, b. December 19, 1904, Cumberland, Wa USA; d. July 26, 1993, Ventura, CA. USA.
iii. ANNA POMADA, b. 1908, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. 1909, Enumclaw, Wa USA.
iv. LOUIS POMADA, b. 1909, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. 1922, Enumclaw, (Krane) Wa USA.

More About LOUIS POMADA:
Fact 1: Died as a young boy 13

10. v. FRANCES AGNUS POMADA, b. December 15, 1910, Cumberland, Wa USA; d. November 05, 1985, Enumclaw, Wa USA.
11. vi. CHRISTINE P. POMADA, b. February 24, 1913, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. January 06, 2000, Stanford, CA. USA.
12. vii. FRANK TONY (ANTHONY) POMADA, b. April 18, 1915, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. July 31, 1996, Lynnwood, WA. USA.
viii. MAY POMADA, b. 1917, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. 1917, Enumclaw, Wa USA.
13. ix. JOSEPH WILLIAM POMADA, b. August 13, 1917, Enumclaw, Wa USA; d. October 24, 1991, Pasco, WA. USA.
14. x. BERNADINE POMADA, b. March 13, 1919, Enumclaw, Wa USA.
15. xi. KATHERINE POMADA, b. November 19, 1920, Enumclaw, Wa USA.

4. ANTON[2] OBERSTAR *(FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born June 09, 1870 in Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia (Austria), and died December 30, 1945 in Joliet, Illinois, USA. He married ALOYZIA B. BIRSA 1890 in Joliet, Illinois, daughter of ANTON BERSA. She was born July 04, 1868 in Malovse, Austria, and died October 19, 1928 in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, USA.

More About ANTON OBERSTAR:

Naturalization: April 16, 1894, Will County, Illinois, USA

Children of ANTON OBERSTAR and ALOYZIA BIRSA are:

i. FRANK[3] OBERSTAR, b. March 1891, Joliet, Illinois, USA; d. March 1891, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
ii. ANTON OBERSTAR, b. July 1892, Joliet, Illinois, USA; d. July 1892, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
iii. MARY OBERSTAR, b. August 25, 1893, Joliet, Illinois, USA; m. SKRABA OKOREN.
iv. ANGELA OBERSTAR, b. March 26, 1895, Joliet, Illinois, USA; m. BEROS CENCAR, July 25, 1917; d. Abt. 1964.

More About ANGELA OBERSTAR:
Fact 1: Had 2 or 3 childeren
Fact 2: went to Slovenia to visit in 1965
Fact 3: also to visit her husband's family after he had died
Fact 4: had married a Slovenian she met in USA

16. v. FRANCIS OBERSTAR, b. October 24, 1896, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
vi. LOUISE (ALOUIZY) OBERSTAR, b. May 27, 1897, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
17. vii. ANNA OBERSTAR, b. December 09, 1899, Joliet, Illinois, USA; d. 1976.
viii. ROZI OBERSTAR, b. April 07, 1902, Joliet, Illinois, USA; d. April 07, 1902.
ix. FRANK OBERSTAR, b. December 03, 1904, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
18. x. MARGARET OBERSTAR, b. September 21, 1906, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
xi. JOSEPHINE OBERSTAR, b. February 25, 1910, Joliet, Illinois, USA; m. AL PAUL.
xii. CHARLES OBERSTAR, b. May 07, 1911, Joliet, Illinois, USA; d. May 07, 1911, Joliet, Illinois, USA.
xiii. THOMAS KLINE OBERSTAR, b. December 17, 1913, Joliet, Illinois, USA.

Generation No. 3

5. JANEZ[3] KUHELJ *(IVANA (JOHANA)[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born November 12, 1899 in Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia, and died November 24, 1945 in Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia. He married FRANCISCA PECJAK November 24, 1926 in Zagradec, Slovenia. She was born March 30, 1904 in Plasincai,Slovenia, and died June 28, 1978 in Zagradec, Slovenia.

More About JANEZ KUHELJ:
Fact 1: inherited the farm
Fact 2: during the 20s & 30s, because of hard times
Fact 3: went to USA 3 time for 5 years at a time to work
Fact 4: Took a boat from France and worked in the coal mines
Fact 5: Relatives sponsored him to work in USA
Fact 6: Probably Oberstar

Children of JANEZ KUHELJ and FRANCISCA PECJAK are:

i. FRANCISCA[4] KUHELJ, b. October 09, 1927, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. November 19, 1999, Kitni Vrh, Slovenia; m. STANISLAV MANDLELJ, January 31, 1959, Zagradec, Slovenia; d. 1995.

More About STANISLAV MANDLELJ:
Cause of Death: Heart Attack

ii. FRANC KUHELJ, b. December 18, 1928, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. May 12, 1929, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia.

More About FRANC KUHELJ:
Immigration 1: 1963, Cleveland, Ohio USA
Immigration 2: 1945, to Argentina South America drove bus

iii. MARIJA KUHELJ, b. November 26, 1930, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; m. JOSEPH SEVER, August 25, 1954, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
iv. JANEZ KUHELJ, b. August 25, 1931, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. February 10, 1990, Timmons, Canada; m. PAVLA MUSTAR.

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More About JANEZ KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Still alive
Fact 2: 1961, Live in Canada

More About PAVLA MUSTAR:
Fact 1: sister of Pavla still alive and living in #18 Kitni Vrh

v. ALBINA KUHELJ, b. March 21, 1933, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; m. ZITNIK VAENCENCEJ, November 25, 1958, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

More About ALBINA KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Had 2 daughters & 1 Son
Fact 2: Still alive and lives alone

vi. JOSEF KUHELJ, b. August 16, 1934, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. August 13, 1986, Lbj, Slovenia; m. (1) MILLY; m. (2) MILICA DROBNIC, April 26, 1958, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

More About JOSEF KUHELJ:
Fact 1: May have 3 sons & 2 daughters

vii. AUGUSTIN KUHELJ, b. December 12, 1936, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia.

More About AUGUSTIN KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Never married
Fact 2: Now runs and lives on family farm
Fact 3: worked as a miner
Fact 4: Worked in Ljubjiana at a hospital as a door & information person before moving back to the farm

viii. ANGELA KUHELJ, b. March 25, 1938, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; m. VALTAR VINKO, June 13, 1959, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

ix. IVANA KUHELJ, b. July 20, 1940, Kitni Vrh 8; m. CIRIL PURLAN, November 15, 1969.

x. ALOJZIJ (LOUIE) KUHELJ, b. March 15, 1942, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; m. ANNA STAREC (BLEZHE), July 09, 1968, Sticni, Slovenia.

More About ALOJZIJ (LOUIE) KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Moved to Canada and left his wife?

More About ANNA STAREC (BLEZHE):
Devorced: Lives in Sticni, Slovenia

xi. ANICA (ANNA) KUHELJ, b. January 20, 1944, Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia; d. March 02, 1992; m. IVAN BRUSAC.

More About ANICA (ANNA) KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Retired
Fact 2: confirmed in 1952
Residence: Ljubiana.

6. KRISTINA[3] KUHELJ *(IVANA (JOHANA)[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born May 24, 1908. She married MAKS ERJAVEC.

Children of KRISTINA KUHELJ and MAKS ERJAVEC are:

i. STANE[4] ERJAVEC, m. STANKA.

More About STANE ERJAVEC:
Fact 1: is devorced and has 2 sons
Fact 2: Lives in Kitni Vrh works on the farm

ii. FRANCI (FRANK) ERJAVEC, m. DARINKA.

7. JOSIPINA (JOZICA)[3] KUHELJ *(IVANA (JOHANA)[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born October 13, 1915 in Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia. She married ? IGLIC.

More About JOSIPINA (JOZICA) KUHELJ:
Fact 1: Lives in Trbovlse

Children of JOSIPINA KUHELJ and ? IGLIC are:

i. JOZE[4] IGLIC.
ii. CVETKA IGLIC.

8. ROSE[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born April 07, 1903 in Enumclaw, Wa USA, and died 1998 in Chico, CA, USA. She married CHET MEAD.

Children of ROSE POMADA and CHET MEAD are:

i. LUCILLE[4] MEAD, b. April 09, 1921; m. RUSSEL WEBSTER; d. July 01, 1999.
ii. BETTY MEAD.
iii. JOANNE (DODY) MEAD MARLENE, m. ? WOOD.

9. JOHN[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born December 19, 1904 in Cumberland, Wa USA, and died July 26, 1993 in Ventura, CA. USA. He married (1) FLORENCE. She was born July 02, 1904, and died January 23, 1988. He married (2) JANE. She was born May 12, 1918, and died November 04, 1974.

Children of JOHN POMADA and FLORENCE are:

i. RAYMOND LILL[4] POMADA, b. August 21, 1930, Oxnard, CA; m. MARY ELLEN GIDEON, August 11, 1949, Ventura, CA; b. February 14, 1931, Ottawa, Iowa.
ii. PATRICIA JANE POMADA, b. March 15, 1934, Oxnard, CA; m. WILLIAM (BILL) ALFRED BULLOUGH; b. January 03, 1934, Ventura, CA.

10. FRANCES AGNUS[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born December 15, 1910 in Cumberland, Wa USA, and died November 05, 1985 in Enumclaw, Wa USA. She married ARTHUR (ART) ENGEMAN (ISRAELSON) KEMP October 02, 1931 in Seattle, WA, son of IVOR ISRAELSON and ANNA BERKKELID. He was born April 18, 1900 in Irving, Minnesota, and died January 12, 1979 in Enumclaw, Wa USA.

More About FRANCES AGNUS POMADA:
Cause of Death: Breast Cancer

More About ARTHUR (ART) ENGEMAN (ISRAELSON) KEMP:
Cause of Death: Heart Disease & Emphysema

Children of FRANCES POMADA and ARTHUR KEMP are:

i. BABY[4] KEMP, b. 1932, Died 3 days after birth very small.; d. 1932, Emumclaw, WA..
ii. BARBARA JOANNE KEMP, b. June 14, 1934, Seattle, WA. USA; m. BRUCE NALL MUELLER, June 25, 1955, Bellevue, WA. USa; b. January 01, 1933, Kansas City, MO. USA; d. March 30, 1998, Palm Springs, CA. USA.
iii. JIM KEMP, b. March 24, 1942, Bremerton, WA. USA; m. (1) JINI KINSMAN, 1962; m. (2) KELLY SAM, December 18, 1993.

11. CHRISTINE P.[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born February 24, 1913 in Enumclaw, Wa USA, and died January 06, 2000 in Stanford, CA. USA. She married SWAIN.

More About CHRISTINE P. POMADA:
Cause of Death: Stroke

Medical Information: Had an operation shortly prior to stroke and was moved from Palm Springs, CA to Stanford, CA to be with Judy for care.This was fairly sudden Larry visited her in Palm Springs in April od 1999 OK.

Children of CHRISTINE POMADA and SWAIN are:

i. JUDY[4] SWAIN, m. ED HOLMES.
ii. JULIE SWAIN, m. JIM GERLOCK.

12. FRANK TONY (ANTHONY)[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born April 18, 1915 in Enumclaw, Wa USA, and died July 31, 1996 in Lynnwood, WA. USA. He married (1) MARGARET BENRUDE. She was born 1915 in North Dekota. He married (2) MARGE ARLETA ROBERTS August 09, 1944 in Hondo, Medina County, Texas, USA, daughter of GEORGE ROBERTS and MOLLIE GATEWOOD. She was born June 12, 1925 in Planeview, Texas, USA.

More About FRANK TONY (ANTHONY) POMADA:
Burial: Krane, WA. USA
Religion: Catholic

Children of FRANK POMADA and MARGE ROBERTS are:

i. LAWRENCE CARL[4] POMADA, b. December 19, 1945, Auburn, Wa. USA (Enumclaw); m. (1) KATHLEEN ROSE LARSON, July 08, 1967, Bellevue, WA. USA; b. July 17, 1948, Bellevue, WA USA; m. (2) MICHELLE PATRICIA WHALEN, May 31, 1982, Holy Rosary Catholic Church Edmonds, WA. USA; b. August 18, 1948, Pt. Roberts, WA. USA / Vancouver, Canada.
ii. ROBERT FRANK POMADA, b. August 18, 1948, Enumclaw, Wa USA; m. EVONNE CLARICE GARDNER, June 20, 1969, Chico, CAlif. USA; b. February 20, 1948, Grants Pass Orenon USA.
iii. RICHARD GEORGE POMADA, b. September 17, 1949, Enumclaw, Wa USA; m. RENA MAE WOLFENBERGER; b. March 27, 1950.

More About RICHARD GEORGE POMADA:
Devorced: 1999.

13. JOSEPH WILLIAM[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born August 13, 1917 in Enumclaw, Wa USA, and died October 24, 1991 in Pasco, WA. USA. He married GERTGUDE MARGEURITE DEWINTER February 26, 1944 in Franklin Co. Courthouse, daughter of ADRIAN DEWINTER and MAREA SMITH. She was born June 07, 1908 in Leland, Idaho.

More About JOSEPH WILLIAM POMADA:
Died 2: heart failure from kidney disease
Occupation: carpenter

Children of JOSEPH POMADA and GERTGUDE DEWINTER are:

i. JOAN (JOKAY)[4] POMADA, b. October 15, 1944, Pasco, WA, USA; m. LEN JOHN SHURE, January 04, 1975, Chicago, Il; b. December 04, 1948, De Calb, Illinoise.
ii. JOHN FRANCIS POMADA, b. April 25, 1947, Pasco, WA.; m. JOANNE ELIZABETH AMEN, March 21, 1970, Walla Walla, WA.; b. April 09, 1948, Walla Walla, WA..

More About JOHN FRANCIS POMADA:
Occupation: Banking

More About JOANNE ELIZABETH AMEN:
Occupation: Teacher.

14. BERNADINE[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born March

13, 1919 in Enumclaw, Wa USA. She married STUARD.

Child of BERNADINE POMADA and STUARD is:
i. SHARON[4] STUARD, m. RAY APPEL.

15. KATHERINE[3] POMADA *(FRANCISCA[2] OBERSTAR, FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born November 19, 1920 in Enumclaw, Wa USA. She married (1) CAMERON RICH. She married (2) OIVILLE LOCKRIDGE in Buckley, Wa. USA. He died November 1985 in Buckley, Wa. USA.

Children of KATHERINE POMADA and OIVILLE LOCKRIDGE are:
i. GEORGIA[4] LOCKRIDGE, b. Buckley, Wa. USA; m. JEFF FARMAN; b. Enumclaw, Wa USA.
ii. ROGER LOCKRIDGE, b. Buckley, Wa. USA; m. NANCEY.

16. FRANCIS[3] OBERSTAR *(ANTON[2], FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born October 24, 1896 in Joliet, Illinois, USA. She married ANTON KERKOS.

Child of FRANCIS OBERSTAR and ANTON KERKOS is:
i. LOUISE[4] KERKOS, m. MARKOVEC.

17. ANNA[3] OBERSTAR *(ANTON[2], FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born December 09, 1899 in Joliet, Illinois, USA, and died 1976. She married JOSEPH JUHANT March 30, 1916. He died 1965.

More About ANNA OBERSTAR:
First Communion: 1900, Joliet, Illinois, USA

More About JOSEPH JUHANT:
Naturalization: June 14, 1921

Child of ANNA OBERSTAR and JOSEPH JUHANT is:
i. JOSEPH[4] JUHANT.

18. MARGARET[3] OBERSTAR *(ANTON[2], FRANZ (FRANC)[1])* was born September 21, 1906 in Joliet, Illinois, USA. She married JOHN LEE.

Child of MARGARET OBERSTAR and JOHN LEE is:
i. VIRGINA F.[4] LEE, m. PETER J. BUCCI.

Descendants of Franz (Franc) Oberstar

1 Franz (Franc) Oberstar 1840 - 1908
. +Anna (Marija) Maver 1843 - 1907
..... 2 Ivana (Johana) Oberstar 1875 - 1955
..... +Janez Kuhelj 1865 - 1933
..... 3 Janez Kuhelj 1899 - 1945
..... +Francisca Pecjak 1904 - 1978
..... 4 Francisca Kuhelj 1927 - 1999
..... +Stanislav Mandlelj - 1995
..... 5 Stanley Mandlelj
..... 5 Dane Mandlelj
..... 5 Breda Mandlelj
..... 4 Franc Kuhelj 1928 - 1929
..... 4 Marija Kuhelj 1930 -
..... +Joseph Sever
..... 5 Joseph Sever
..... 4 Janez Kuhelj 1931 - 1990
..... +Pavla Mustar
..... 5 Maria Kuhelj 1967 -
..... +Andy
..... 6 Andriana Kuhelj
..... 5 John Kuhelj 1957 -
..... 5 Jennie Kuhelj 1969 -
..... 4 Albina Kuhelj 1933 -
..... +Zitnik Vaencencej
..... 5 Vinco Vaencencej 1958 -
..... 5 Cvetka Vaencencej 1963 -
..... 4 Josef Kuhelj 1934 - 1986
..... +Milly
..... *2nd Wife of Josef Kuhelj:
..... +Milica Drobnic
..... 4 Augustin Kuhelj 1936 -
..... 4 Angela Kuhelj 1938 -
..... +Valtar Vinko
..... 5 HajdaPregelj Vinko
..... +Mirko
..... 6 Miha Mirko 1980 -
..... 6 Mojca Mirko 1990 -
..... 4 Ivana Kuhelj 1940 -
..... +Ciril Purlan
..... 5 Mojca Purlan 1977 -
..... 5 Branko Purlan 1982 -
..... 4 Alojzij (Louie) Kuhelj 1942 -
..... +Anna Starec (Blezhe)
..... 5 Bojan Kuhelj
..... 4 Anica (Anna) Kuhelj 1944 - 1992
..... +Ivan Brusac
..... 5 Natasa Brusac
..... +Unknown
..... 6 Daughter #1Brusac
..... 3 Angela Kuhelj 1900 -
..... 3 Marija Kuhelj 1904 -
..... +? Gros
..... 3 Ivana Kuhelj 1908 -
..... 3 Kristina Kuhelj 1908 -
..... +Maks Erjavec
..... 4 Stane Erjavec
..... +Stanka
..... 4 Franci (Frank) Erjavec
..... +Darinka
..... 5 Brane Erjavec
..... 5 Darja Erjavec
..... 5 Jozica Erjavec
..... 3 Terezija Kuhelj 1909 -
..... 3 Francisek (FranK) Kuhelj 1911 -
..... +Gabriela
..... 3 Josipina (Jozica) Kuhelj 1915 -
..... +? Iglic
..... 4 Joze Iglic
..... 4 Cvetka Iglic

..... 2 Francisca Oberstar 1877 - 1952
..... +Johann (Janez) Pomada Pomlade' 1870 - 1962
..... 3 Rose Pomada 1903 - 1998
..... +Chet Mead
..... 4 Lucille Mead 1921 -
..... +Russel Webster - 1999
..... 5 Janet Webster
..... 6 Jeffrey Webster 1979 - 2001
..... 5 Jim Webster
..... +Ruth
..... 6 Jesse Webster
..... 6 Joe Webster
..... 6 Jim (JR) Webster
..... 4 Betty Mead
..... 4 Joanne (Dody) Mead Marlene
..... +? Wood
..... 5 Sheila Mead
..... 6 Megan Mead
..... 5 Debbie Mead
..... 5 Dawn Mead
..... 5 David Mead
..... 3 John Pomada 1904 - 1993
..... +Florence 1904 - 1988
..... 4 [1] Raymond Lill Pomada 1930 -
..... +[2] Mary Ellen Gideon 1931 -
..... 5 [3] Catherine Marie Pomada 1950 -
..... +[4] Vern Allard 1944 -
..... 6 [5] Giselle Allard 1975 -
..... 5 [6] Margaret Mary Pomada 1952 -
..... +[7] Frank Fantino 1951 -
..... 6 [8] Shelly Fantino 1977 -
..... 6 [9] Stacey Fantino 1985 -
..... 6 [10] Ryan Fantino 1984 - 1984
..... 5 [11] Thomas Raymond Pomada 1953 - 1976
..... 5 [12] Deborah (Debbie) Ann Pomada 1956 -
..... +[13] Jene Van Zandt 1950 -
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..... 4 Baby Kemp 1932 - 1932
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..... +Bruce Nall Mueller 1933 - 1998
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..... +Averal (Abby) Lea Streif
..... 6 Alison Nicole Mueller 1987 -

..... 6 David Martin Mueller 1989 -
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..... +Kelly Sam
..... 5 Kora Kemp
..... 3 Christine P. Pomada 1913 - 2000
..... +Swain
..... 4 Judy Swain
..... +Ed Holmes
..... 4 Julie Swain
..... +Jim Gerlock
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..... 4 Lawrence Carl Pomada 1945 -
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..... +Al Paul
..... 3 Charles Oberstar 1911 - 1911
..... 3 Thomas Kline Oberstar 1913 -
..... 2 Mary Oberstar 1868 -

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Family Group Sheet

Marriage Notes

Child:	Francisca Oberstar
Born:	April 18, 1877
in:	8 Kitni Vrh, Slovenia
Died:	November 07, 1952
in:	Enumclaw,(Krane) King C., Wa USA
Relationship with Father:	Franz (Franc) Oberstar - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Anna (Marija) Maver - Natural

Address and Phone(s)	

Medical

Notes

Marriage Information	
Husband:	Johann (Janez) Pomada Pomlade'
Married:	February 05, 1902
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Zagradec, Slovenia

Marriage Notes

Child:	Anton Oberstar
Born:	June 09, 1870
in:	Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia (Austria)
Died:	December 30, 1945
in:	Joliet, Illinois, USA
Relationship with Father:	Franz (Franc) Oberstar - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Anna (Marija) Maver - Natural

Naturalization:	April 16, 1894 Will County, Illinois, USA

Address and Phone(s)	

Medical

Notes

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Aloyzia B. Birsa
Married:	1890
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Joliet, Illinois

Marriage Notes

Child:	Mary Oberstar
Born:	1868
Relationship with Father:	Franz (Franc) Oberstar - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Anna (Marija) Maver - Natural

Address and Phone(s)	

Medical

Husband:	Franz (Franc) Oberstar
Born:	November 11, 1840
in:	Auastria
Died:	March 05, 1908
in:	Auastria

Address and Phone(s)	

Medical

Notes

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Anna (Marija) Maver
Beginning status:	Married

Marriage Notes

Wife:	Anna (Marija) Maver
Born:	November 06, 1843
in:	Austria
Died:	September 15, 1907
in:	Austria
Relationship with Father:	Joseph Maver - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Anna Bajt - Natural

Address and Phone(s)	

Medical

Notes

Child:	Ivana (Johana) Oberstar
aka:	Johana
Born:	January 13, 1875
in:	Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia
Died:	January 04, 1955
in:	Sticni - Draga
Relationship with Father:	Franz (Franc) Oberstar - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Anna (Marija) Maver - Natural

Fact 1:	1955 died
Fact 2:	February 06, 1899 Married to Janez Kuhelj
Fact 3:	5 childeren died at birth

Address and Phone(s)	

Medical

Notes

Marriage Information	
Husband:	Janez Kuhelj
Married:	February 06, 1899
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Zagradec, Slovenia

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Franz (Franc) Oberstar

Born: November 11, 1840 in: Auastria
Died: March 05, 1908 in: Auastria

Wife: Anna (Marija) Maver

Born: November 06, 1843 in: Austria
Died: September 15, 1907 in: Austria
Father: Joseph Maver
Mother: Anna Bajt

CHILDREN

1 F
Name: Ivana (Johana) Oberstar
Born: January 13, 1875 in: Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia
Married: February 06, 1899 in: Zagradec, Slovenia
Died: January 04, 1955 in: Sticni - Draga
Spouse: Janez Kuhelj

2 F
Name: Francisca Oberstar
Born: April 18, 1877 in: 8 Kitni Vrh, Slovenia
Married: February 05, 1902 in: Zagradec, Slovenia
Died: November 07, 1952 in: Enumclaw,(Krane) King C., Wa USA
Spouse: Johann (Janez) Pomada Pomlade'

3 M
Name: Anton Oberstar
Born: June 09, 1870 in: Kitni Vrh 8, Slovenia (Austria)
Married: 1890 in: Joliet, Illinois
Died: December 30, 1945 in: Joliet, Illinois, USA
Spouse: Aloyzia B. Birsa

4 F
Name: Mary Oberstar
Born: 1868

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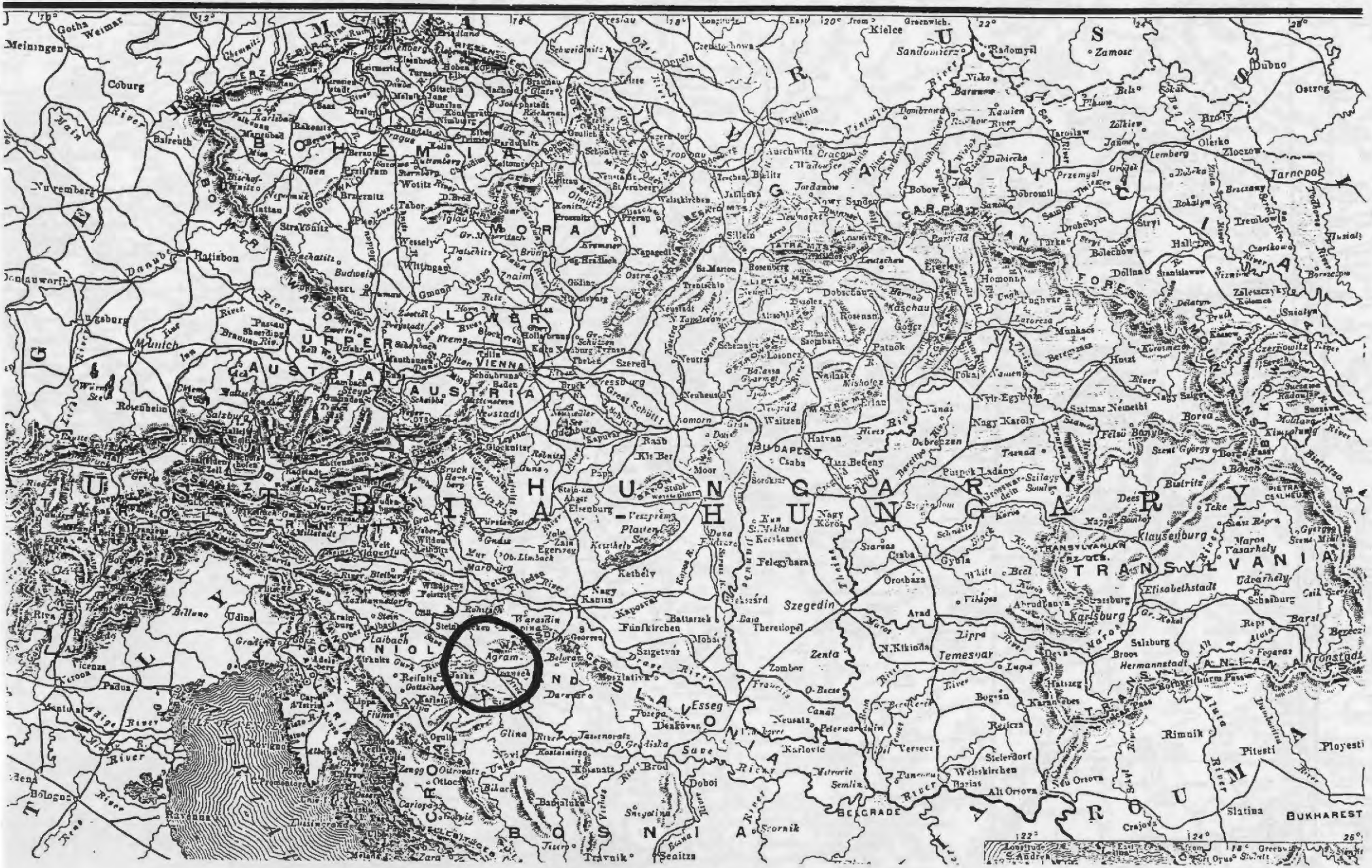
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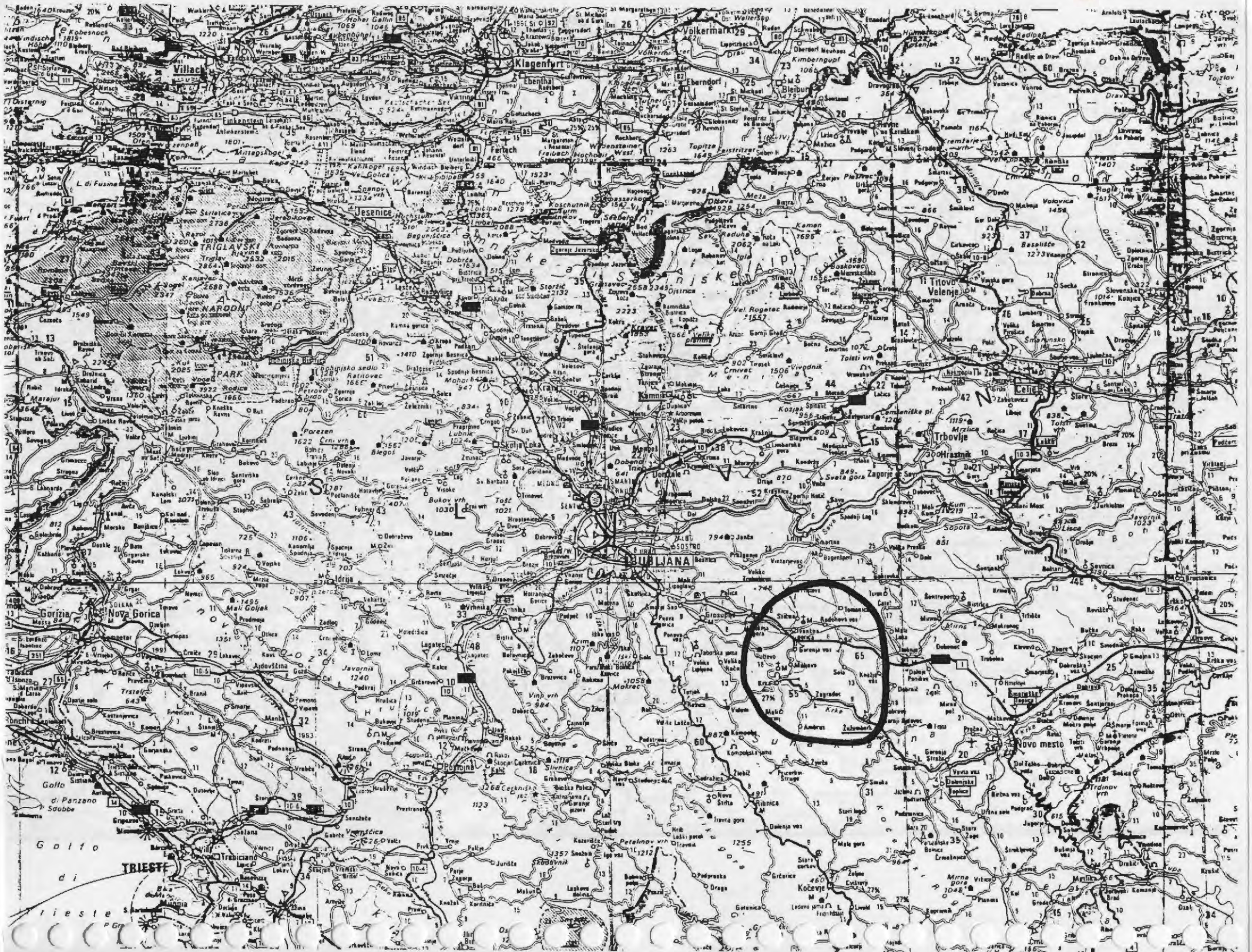
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Julijske Alpe
Kamniške Alpe
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Notranjsko
Dolenjsko
Golfo di Panzano
Golfo di Trieste

John & Francis Pomada 50th anniversary.

Francis & John Shortly before Francis died 1952

Oberstar house site Augustine & Francesca grandchildren of Ivana
left to right Larry Pomada-Augustine Kuehlj & Francesca Erjavec-Richard Pomada

Slovenia Church

50th Anniversary with some of their children
left to right back row: Katherine (Lockridge), Joe, Bernadine (Stuard), Frank & Francis (Kemp)
front: John & Francis Pomada

Oberstar farm
KitenVerh, Slovenia

Michelle, Kristin & Larry Pomada
picking potatoes with Stan Kuhelj 1997

A scrapbook of

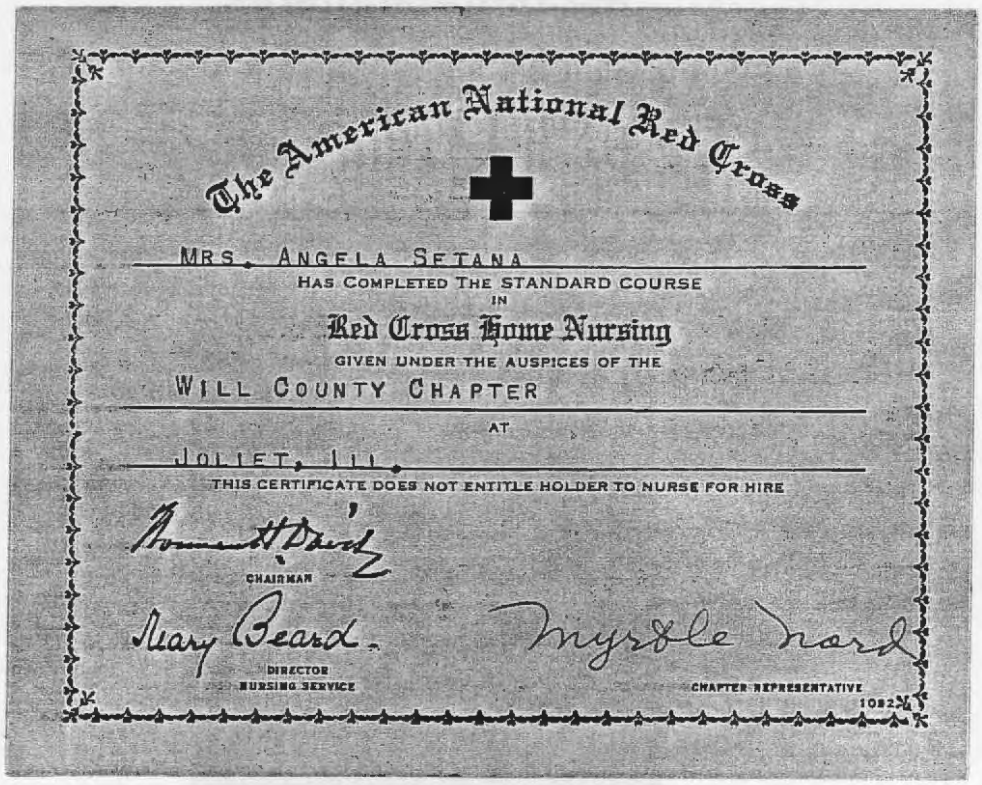
memories

and

accomplishments

Angela Ursich Setina

September 4, 1898
October 27, 1997



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Mary Beard

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CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

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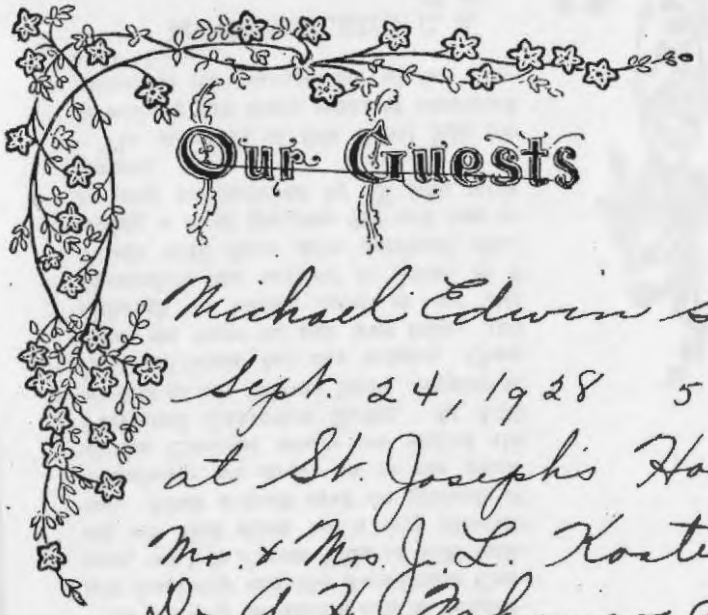
Births.

Genevieve Marie Setina.

May 10, 1921. Tue. 3:20 p.m.
Silver Cross Hospital.
John & Frances Setina

Beatrice Ann Setina.
July 31, 1922 Mon. 7:20 p.m.
115 Indiana St.
Dr. Jas. C. and Miss Mollie Unrich
Walter J. Fahrner M. D.

Dorothy Roberta Setina
July 23, 1924. Wed. 8:30 a.m.
St. Joseph's Hospital.
Dr. & Mrs. Jas. C. Unrich
Arthur H. Fahrner M. D.



Michael Edwin Setina
Sept. 24, 1928 5:45 P.M
at St. Joseph's Hospital
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Kostelz
Dr. A. H. Fahrner. Rev. M. Rutela

Joan Angela Setina (Nov. 12, 193.
8:15 a.m. St. Joseph's Hospital
Dr. A. H. Fahrner (nurse) Miss Peters
(Mr. & Mrs. L. Zelzniker - sponsors)
March 28 (Easter Sun.) (Rev. M. J. Hitz,

MEMBERS OF ST. ANTHONY'S COURT 946, JOLIET, ILL.

LETTER FROM JOLIET, ILL.

September 13, 1939

My Dear Mrs. Downes:

The members of St. Anthony's Court 946 of Joliet, Ill. wish me to advise you of the wonderful trip we took to Forest Villa on Sunday, August 20th.

Leaving Joliet at 9:30 A. M. with fifty-five adult members in two chartered buses, we arrived at Forest Villa at 12 noon, where we were greeted at the gate by the ever gracious manager, Mrs. Kelly, who made us all feel welcome.

After a tour through the Home we drove to the "Ball Hotel" in Antioch where dinner was enjoyed. With dinner over we returned to the Home to rest a while on the beautiful grounds.

As our trip included a stop at Mundelein Seminary and the Benedictine Convent, we left Forest Villa at 3:30 making our visit short but a very pleasant one. After a walk over the grounds of Mundelein we drove on to the Benedictine Convent where we visited the Perpetual Adoration Shrine. At 6:30 we left on our journey home, stopping at Lyons, Illinois for our supper. Once again we were on our way home, and although it rained hard as we left Mundelein we arrived in Joliet at 9 o'clock with clear skies overhead, thus ending a most glorious day and one to be long remembered by all who were present.

The members of this Court join me in wishing you many years of continued success in the management of our Forester Home.

MINNIE BILESIO, C. R.

Members of the Senior Parishioners are being kept busy in these few remaining weeks, in preparation for their amic exhibit to be held Oct. 25, from 2 to 7 p. m., in St. Joseph hall. Pictured from the left, are, Mrs. Michael ina, Mrs. Mary Schmidberger, Mrs. Anthony Mali, Mrs. E. J. Curry and Mrs. Edward Bottari, Secretary

October 25 has been the date selected by members of the Senior Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic church for their ceramic exhibit to be held in St. Joseph hall from 2 to 7 p. m. Planning for the event are, from the left, Mrs. Michael Setina, Msgr. M. J. Butala, Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich Sr., Mrs. Martin Slack and Mrs. F. J. Curry.

Spectator

1959

St. Joseph's church festival Sunday

The Springtime festival and exhibit by the senior parishioners of St. Joseph's church is scheduled for Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's park, Raynor and Theodore.

Admission, which will cover prizes, a style show at 3 p.m., and refreshments, will be 50 cents.

General chairman for the event is Mrs. Francis Curry, with co-chairman Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich, Jr., assisting.

Other committees include Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich, Sr., ceramics chairman, and members of the ceramics class; Frank Terlep, Mrs. Anton Skoff, and Mrs. Michael Setina, rug-weaving; Mrs. Anton Papesh, doll exhibit; and Mrs. Johanna Krall and Mrs. Patricia Stark, bakery.

Also, Mrs. Mary Reposh and Mrs. Jennie Bebar, serving booth; Mrs. Joseph Videtich, Jr., refreshments; Edward Ambrozich and Joseph Ambrozich, Jr., bar; and Mrs. William Stark, stage decorations.

Mrs. Jean M. Tezak will preside at the refreshments table following the style show.

One of the prizes will be a "Pandora's box," containing a complete lady's wardrobe, donated by Mrs. Curry, and a baby doll. donated by Mrs. Papesh.

All articles, with the exception of Mrs. Papesh's dolls, will be for sale. The festival is open to the public.

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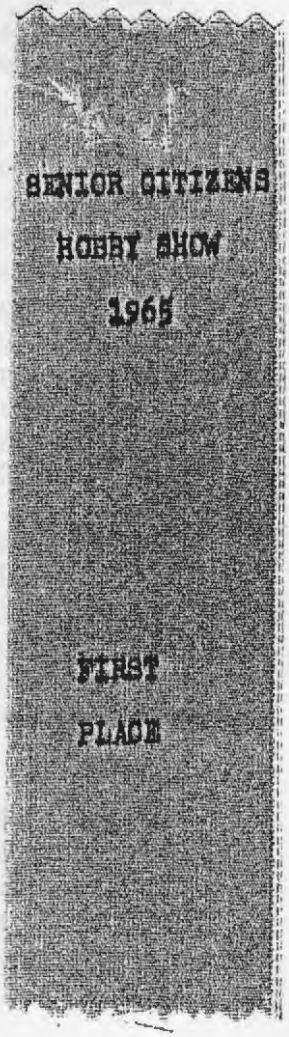
Mrs. Frank E. Terlep, left, and Mrs. Michael Setina at loom.



Joliet Srs. To Hold Gala Exhibit March 4

Joliet, Ill. — Preparations are in readiness for the St. Joseph's senior parishioners Ceramic, Hat Styles, Handicraft Exhibit and Bakery Sale. The theme chosen for this year is "Springtime Festival and Exhibit." The date is set for March 4, 1962 from 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Park (Raynor & Theodore Sts). Admission is 50¢ and will include a hat style show (3 p.m.) and refreshments. All articles on display will be for sale. Come early and stay late, lunch will be served and "hard or soft" drinks will be available in our cocktail lounge.

Mrs. Francis Curry, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich, Jr. Their chosen committee includes Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich, Sr., Ceramics aided by the Ceramic Class; Mr. Frank Terlep, Mrs. Anton Skoff and Mrs. Michael Setina, rug-weaving; Mrs. Anton Papesh, doll exhibit; Mrs. Johanna Krall and Mrs. Patricia Stark, bakery; Mrs. Mary Reposh and Mrs. Jennie Rebar, sewing booth; Mrs. Joseph Videtich, Jr., refreshments; Edward and Joseph Ambrozich, Jr., bar; and Mrs. William Stark, stage decorations. Mrs. Jean M. Tezak will be in charge of the refreshment table following the style show.

All types of ceramic articles, various colored rugs, fancywork, bakery, sandwiches and drinks will be for sale to the public. Mrs. Papesh will display (not sell) her personal collection of dolls including a group of dolls representing religious orders from all over the world. If you cannot find your desired purchase, members present will be glad to order for you. The hats styled in the show are ones made by members of the organization. You'll have the opportunity to spot a "sneak preview" of the "new look."

The date is set, the crowd awaits, so come early and stay late — charter a bus or plane, drive your car, pull out the rig, you'll all be graciously welcomed. I'll see you there.

"Spike"

St. Ann's Court

St. Ann's court, W. C. O. F., held its monthly meeting last Sunday in the club rooms, and the following officers were elected for the new year: Mrs. Angela Setina, chief ranger; Mrs Frances Kolcick, vice-chief ranger; Mrs Mary Ambrozick, recording secretary; Mrs. Amelia Kostelz financial secretary; Mrs. Caroline McGuckin, treasurer; Mrs Rose Horvatin, Mrs. Anna Turkovick, and Mrs. Mary Stukel, trustees; Mrs. Agnes Stukel, senior conductor; Mrs. Mary Mahkovec, junior conductor, and Mrs. Catharine Jusinic, sentinel

Assisting Msgr. M. J. Butala, pastor of St. Joseph's Church with arrangements for the annual Senior Citizens exhibit and program Sunday, Feb. 24 at St. Joseph's Park, Raynor Avenue and Theodore Street, are, from left to right: Mrs. Jennie Beber, Mrs. Anton Papesh, Mrs. Michael Setina and Mrs. Francis Curry.

St. Joseph's Parish Sets Feb. 24 Affair

On Sunday, Feb. 24, starting at 2:30 p.m., the senior parishioners of St. Joseph's parish will have an exhibit and party at the St. Joseph's Park, Raynor Avenue and Theodore Street.

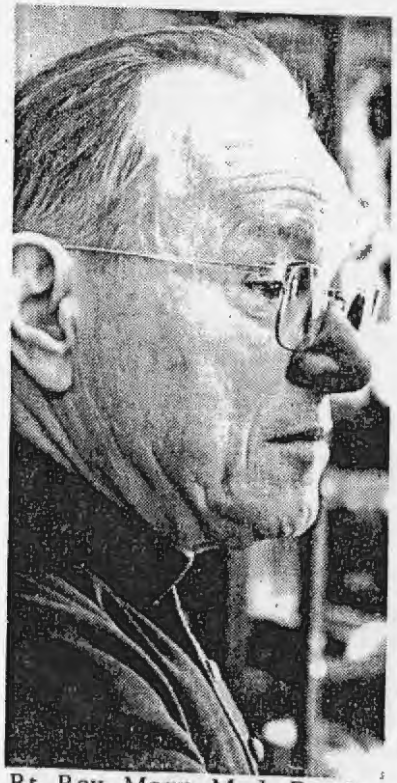
The public is invited. The program will include games with prizes, card games, a bakery sale, sale of ceramics, rugs, rosaries, pillows, knitted goods, dolls and doll clothes.

Tickets are $1. This will include admission to the exhibits as well as 20 special games or cards. For the special games prizes will include ceramics, hand-woven rugs, hand-made pillows, hand-made rosaries, knitted articles and hand-made hassocks.

Msgr. M. J. Butala, pastor, is the general chairman, with Mrs. Francis Curry in charge of ceramics; Frank E. Terlep and Michael Setina, weaving; Mrs. Marty Slack, knitting; Mrs. Anton Papesh, dolls and doll clothes; Mrs. Albert Papesh, rosary; Miss Katherine Butala, pillow; Mrs. Jennie Beber, bakery; Mrs. Anna Jerisha, cards; Mrs. Mary Schmidberger, special games; Mrs. Albin Juricic, tickets at the door; Mrs. Anthony Muhich, lunch; Mrs. Edward Ambrozich, publicity; and Anthony Muhich, Joseph Ambrozich Jr., and Edward Ambrozich, refreshments.

This picture appeared in the Joliet Herald News
on Monday February 18, 1963
Left to Right: **Mrs. Jennie Beber, Mrs. Anton Papesh, Mrs. Michael Setina, Mrs. Francis Curry.** Seated: **Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Butala**

Senior Parishioners Exhibit Handicraft



Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Butala -- Founder

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Butala is called the founder of this little organization that resembles in many ways a bee hive. Gathering in the rambling recreation building of St. Joseph's Park, members of the Senior Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church meet each Wednesday to knit, weave rugs, fashion rosaries to be sent to foreign missions or mold and paint ceramic articles.

Planning now for their Exhibit to be held Sunday, February 24, the 175 men and women who are members are putting finishing touches to articles to be sold during the display. To be held at St. Joseph's Park on Raynor and Theodore Streets, the program will include bingo for prizes, a card and bakery sale, and the sale of ceramics, rugs, rosaries, pillows, knitted goods and dolls and doll clothing.

The club which began in 1956 with a small group interested in using their spare time constructively, has grown to include a ceramic division started in 1956. The ceramicists, taught and chairmaned by Mrs. Francis Curry, pour, mold and bake their own ceramic articles. A weaving department was added in 1960 and the making of rosaries was started in 1962 and also that year, four knitting machines were installed.

Two sewing machines are in constant use as women sew strippes material together to be used on the three looms weaving rugs.

The club, open to any member of the parish, is directed by spiritual director, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Butala. Frank Amhrose is president, and other officers include: Mary Kunstek, first vice-president; Jennie Bambich, second vice-president; Mrs. Anthony Skoff, secretary; Mrs. Clarence Mutz, treasurer; and Mrs. Anthony Mali, publicity.

On the committee for the exhibit is Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Butala; ceramics chairman, Mrs. Francis Curry; weaving chairman, Frank E. Terlep and Mrs. Michael Setina; knitting chairman, Mrs. Marty Slack; doll exhibit and sale of doll clothes. Mrs. Anton Papesh; rosary chairman, Mrs. Albert Papesh; pillow chairman, Miss Katherine Butala; bakery chairman, Mrs. Jennie Beber, card chairman, Mrs. Anna Jerisha; bingo chairman, Mrs. Mary Schmidberger; tickets, Mrs. Albin Juricic; lunch, Mrs. Anthony Muhich; refreshments, Anthony Muhich, Joseph Ambrozich Jr., and Edward Ambrozich; publicity, and Mrs. Edward Ambrozich.

Mrs. Francis Curry, left, and Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich Sr.

This picture appeared in the Joliet Herald News
on Sunday January 22, 1964
with the following caption:

The weaving of rugs is a popular past time for the senior parishioners of St. Joseph's Church. Working one of three looms are (from left) Miss Katherine Butala; Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich and Mrs. Michael Setina. They are preparing for an exhibit at St. Joseph's Park.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

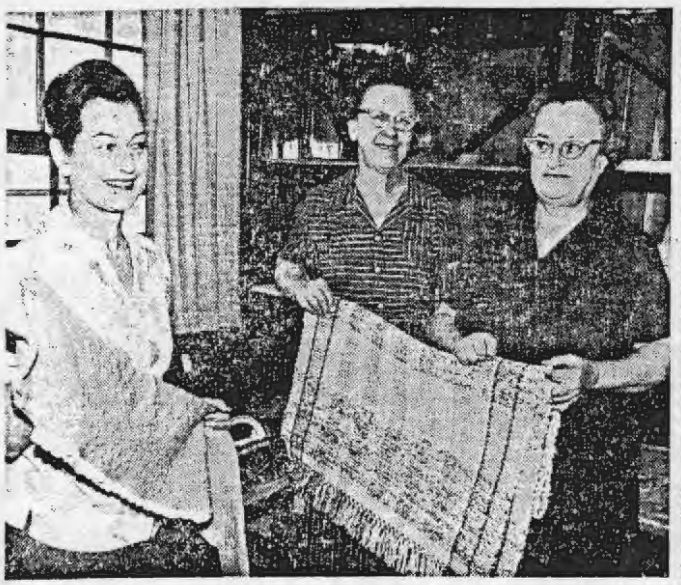
This certifies that Mrs. Michael Setina participated in the 1965 Senior Citizen Hobby show and festival.

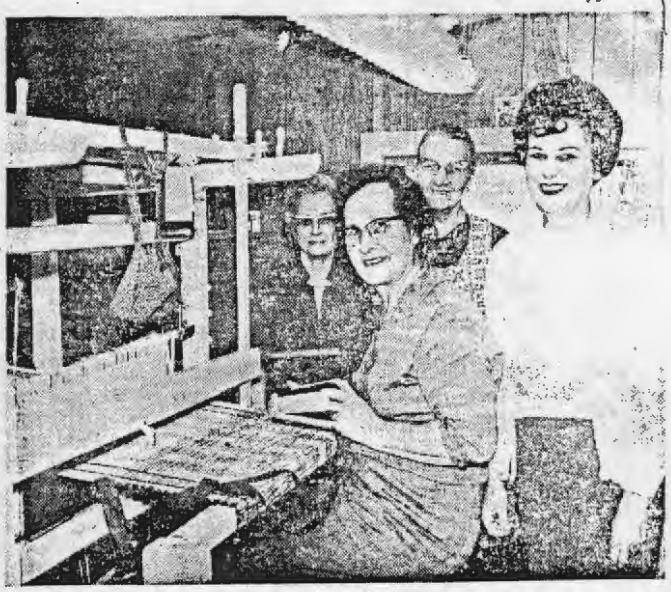
Dew Dailey, Chm.
Senior Citizen Committee
Council of Community Service Organizations

This picture appeared in the Joliet Herald News
on Wednesday February 10, 1966
(The following caption is correct; there was an error in the paper.)

The lady at the loom is Mrs. Angela Setina, 1015 Wilcox Street, who enjoys the mornings she spends weaving at St. Joseph's Park Hall, 1500 N. Raynor Ave. Other weavers (pictured left to right, standing are) Miss Katherine Butala, 519 N. Broadway, Mrs. Rudolph Koleto, 1262 Cora Street, and Mrs. Anthony Skoff, 1112 N. Hickory Street.

A Creative Woman's Hobby





Mrs. Osborne Rosenquist, 837 N. Hickory St., (pictured left) who knitted this lovely stole, compares her handiwork with one of the rugs made by weavers, Mrs. John Suhadolc, 725 Clement St., (center) and Mrs. Frank E. Terlep, 722 Oakland Ave. They are getting prizes ready for the card party to be staged by the Senior Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church at the Park Hall Feb. 20.

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By BETTY WIRTH
Assistant Society Editor

Somewhere in every woman is an artist—as women who get into ceramics find out for themselves.

The woman who thinks she can't draw a straight line may discover, once she begins working with clay, that she has a real talent for shaping, vases, dishes, or figurines, or for painting flowers, or for making a new object from part of another object (called snipple sculpture).

According to Madge (Mrs. John) Kubin, who teaches ceramics at Louise Wolf Recreation Center under a Joliet Park District sponsored program, what a woman does with her creativity depends entirely upon her own initiative. Even if several women purchase and work on the same type of greenware (unpainted, unfired clay object) no two finished pieces will look alike. Each ceramist will put her own individuality into the finished product. And that's what makes a group hobby so interesting.

Mrs. Kubin's students have so much enthusiasm that they just can't wait for their classes on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The group hobby also provides a pleasant social atmosphere in which to work and for some, who have medical problems, it even offers therapeutic benefits.

The women make anything from a little trinket to hanging lamps they use in their homes. Some of the favored pieces are Nativity scenes, keepsake chess sets in walnut and driftwood tones, vases and ashtrays. The fee for the course is $5. Students buy their own materials and articles are fired in the kilns free of charge.

Another group of ceramists who meet at St. Joseph's Park Hall, 1115 N. Raynor Ave., on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. are all "pros" and they're on their own. They'll award their lovely handicraft at the card party to be held Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Park Hall.

These Senior Parishioners have been meeting since 1956 and now own two average sized kilns as well as a smaller one for baking fruits and flowers for decorations. Because there are more ceramists joining them, they have plans for purchasing another kiln in the future.

The Senior Parishioners includes a group who have been making rugs since 1960. They have three looms and also use a Swedish loom (smaller in size) for making aprons and small articles. A spinning wheel and two sewing machines keep them supplied with materials for weaving.

A few dozen more women in the parish are busy in the rosary-making and knitting machine departments which were developed in 1962. And because all of the women at St. Joseph's are interested and active, they expand their activities to include shellcraft, sewing, crocheting, bunco, cards, shuffleboard, bocci ball and motion pictures.

Once a month the 200 senior parishioners meet in the Park Hall for a birthday celebration and hot dinner. Anyone in the parish is invited to join this group whose spiritual director is Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Butala. Officers are Mrs. Jennie Beber, president; Mrs. Frank Smolich, first vice president; Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich Sr., second vice president; Mrs. Michael Setina, secretary; Anton Skul, treasurer, and Mrs. Anton Skul, publicity.

Chairmen for the card party include Monsignor Butala, general chairman; Anton Skul and Mrs. Jean M. Tezak, tickets at the door; Mrs. Rudolph Kalcic, publicity; Mrs. Joseph Ambrozich Sr., games; Mrs. Frank E. Terlep, co-chairman; Mrs. Anna Jerisha, cards; Mrs. Albert Papesh and Mrs. Paul Dirker, jewelry and rosary prizes; Mrs. Stephen Smoljo and Mrs. Osborne Rosenquist, knitted goods and Anthony Muhich, Joseph Ambrozich Sr., Edward Ambrozich and Osborne Rosenquist, refreshments.

February 10, 1966

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This certifies that Mrs. Michael Setina

Participated in the 1967 Senior Citizen

Hobby Show.

Sponsors

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ACTIVITY

Mrs. Michael Setera

Variety - Doll Clothes, etc.

May 17, 18, and 19th, 1968

WILL COUNTY COUNCIL OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Elmer Johnson

Elmer Johnson, President

Axel Anderson

Axel Anderson, Chairman, Hobby Show

Wallace Cox

Wallace Cox, Co-Chairman

Nov. 1971

Senior Parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church will have their annual Christmas bazaar from 1 to 6 p.m. Nov. 28 at the parish park on Theodore Street and Raynor Avenue. Charting plans for the pre-holiday event, are (from left) Mrs. Michael Setina, secretary; Mrs. Thomas Buchar, publicity chairman, and Mrs. Frank Znidarsic, president. (Herald-News photo).

St. Joseph's Seniors to install officers, celebrate birthdays

St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners will meet at noon June 20 at the park hall. Birthdays will be celebrated and plans made for the church fair June 24 and July 1.

Msgr. M.J. Butala will give the convocation. New officers will be installed including Mrs. Albert Gudac, president; Anne Stefanich, first vice president; Andrew Srnick, second vice president; Mrs. Michael Setina, recording secretary; Mrs. Anton Skul, treasurer; Mrs. Frances Gregorich, telephone chairman; and Anne J. Buchar, publicity.

Skul has served in his post for 10 years; Mrs. Setina for 19 years; Mrs. Gregorich for 10 years; and Mrs. Buchar for five years.

Birthdays will be celebrated in June by Msgr. M.J. Butala, Christine Azman, Mary Braddock, Frances Bottari, Louise Dobezyk, Lottie Jevitz and Mary Juricic.

Also, Agnes Govednik, Bernadine Ruthkowski, Jan Rogul, Mary Spelich, Antonia Sega, Sophie Smolich, Mary Terlep, Felix Jamnik and John Potochnik.

St. Joseph's societies schedule card party

Women societies of St. Joseph's Catholic Church gathered recently with the pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Butala, to plan the annual pillow-case card party to be Nov. 14 in the church hall on North Chicago Street.

Party chairman is Mrs. Olga Ancel of the Slovenian Women's Union; co-chairman is Evelyn Lustick of the Rosarian Club. Other co-chairmen are Genevieve Klainsek and Mary Znidarsich.

Handling other assignments are Mary Riola, Josephine Muster, Helen Golobic and Ann Buchar, secretaries; Marge Gasperich and Mary Cohil, treasurers; Dorothy Paone and Mary Skufca, tickets; Hazel Planinc and Ann Hericha, cards; Josephine Erjavec, publicity, and Jennie Bebar, lunch.

Ticket returns are to be made to Mary Cohil, St. Genevieve Society; Josephine Muster, Slovenian Women's Union; Rose Sczepaniak, Rosarian Club; Marge Gurka, Parents' Aid; Jennie Krall, St. Cecelia's; Frances Gregorich, Altar and Rosary Society, and Angela Setina, Senior Parishioners.

Angela Setina created many handcrafted dolls and stuffed toys. Some parts were sewn by hand and some parts were stitched on her 1920 Singer Sewing Machine. She presented these as gifts to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also sold them at Saint Joseph's Church Annual Christmas Bazaar.

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Friday May 21, 1976

24 senior citizens named to Hall of Fame

There was no shortage of famous personalities at the Senior Services Center Tuesday.

Twenty-four senior citizens were nominated to the fifth annual Hall of Fame for their service to their organizations and the community.

They received certificates of recognition from Sec. of State Michael J. Howlett, the keynote speaker at the award ceremony.

In his address to the group, Howlett praised senior citizens for their increasingly active role in Illinois communities.

"There has never a time when our senior citizens have been so numerous and so active as they are today," he said.

Hall of Fame nominees and their organizations were: William M. Bollig, nominated by Veterans of World War I, Gay Paree Barracks 538; Marie Cooley, 60 Plus Club, Ottawa Street United Methodist Church; Max Ehrlich, Happy Hour Club of New Lenox; Theodora H. Forsell, Belles & Beaux Band; Isabella F. Gaines, Frankfort Area Senior Citizens; Lois M. Gilbert, Harmony Club;Eva M. Goldenstein, Upper Crust Senior Group of Crete.

Also Clana A. Grubb, Lockport Senior Citizens Bowling League; Vivian L. Knarr, National Association Retired Federal Employes; Elizabeth B. Knuth, Mokena Senior Citizens; Florence E. Lehner, J.F. Kennedy Senior Citizens; Wanda H. Lubs, Roll Call Residents; Jessie L. Moore, Jolly Club; and John J. Neveau, Hi Neighbors Club.

Also Herbert L. Norton Sr., Texaco Retirees; Sadie M. O'Daniels, Will County Council of Senior Citizens; Frieda K. Robertson, Gay Paree Auxiliary; Angela Setina, St. Joseph Senior Parishioners; Henrietta Smith, Foster Grandparents; Edi[illegible] M. Stalker, Senior Citizen Kitche[illegible] Band of Wilmington; Magdalen M[illegible] Stewart, American Association [illegible] Retired Persons, Joliet Chapter 62[illegible] Margaret B. Strong, Golden A[illegible] Club of Lockport; Grace M. Wes[illegible] Strike 'N Spare Seniors Bowli[illegible] League; and Susan H. Wood, Joliet Area Retired Teachers' Association.

Other participants in the prograr were Dave Barry, president of the Senior Services Center board of directors; the Rev. Vincent Ryan, who gave the invocation; Helen Harshbarger, a member of the center's board who acted as mistress of ceremonies; and Dolores Larson, assistant director of the center who helped present the awards.

Tami Martin, Miss Black Joliet of 1976 sang three songs accompanied by pianist Ruby Shelby.

A capacity crowd watches the Hall of Fame award presentation in Dew Dailey Hall of the Senior Services Center.

Angela Setina

St. Joseph, Joliet

Angela Setina is second vice president of the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Joseph, Joliet.

She has been a member of the parish and active in Altar and Rosary for 62 years, making linen items used at Mass and crocheting laces for the altars. She has been chairman for many card parties and supervised bazaars and fairs.

She is also a member of St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners since its organization and has held the office of recording secretary for 19 years. She was honored by being named to the Hall of Fame of the Senior Services Center, of which she is a 20-year member.

She has been a member of St. Genevieve Lodge of the American Slovenian Catholic Union (K.S.K.J.) for 50 years, in charge of Senior Weavers for 28 years and is a volunteer weaver at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home.

Angela has five children, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Angela Setina, nominated to the Fifth Annual Hall of Fame for service to organizations and the community at the Senior Citizens Center in Joliet, Illinois on Tuesday May 18, 1976

St. Joseph seniors plan dinner May 19

St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners will meet at noon Wednesday May 19 at the Parish Park Hall for their May birthday dinner.

Mrs. Michael Setina will be the honored guest as a nominee for the Hall of Fame. She will be awarded an Illinois Certificate of Recognition at 1:30 p.m. May 18 in Dew Dailey Hall at the Senior Service Center.

Miss Josephine A. Buchar, president, will conduct the meeting following the convocation by Msgr. Mathias J. Butala, spiritual director.

The Lieutenant Governor's

VIP Award

for
Outstanding Community Service

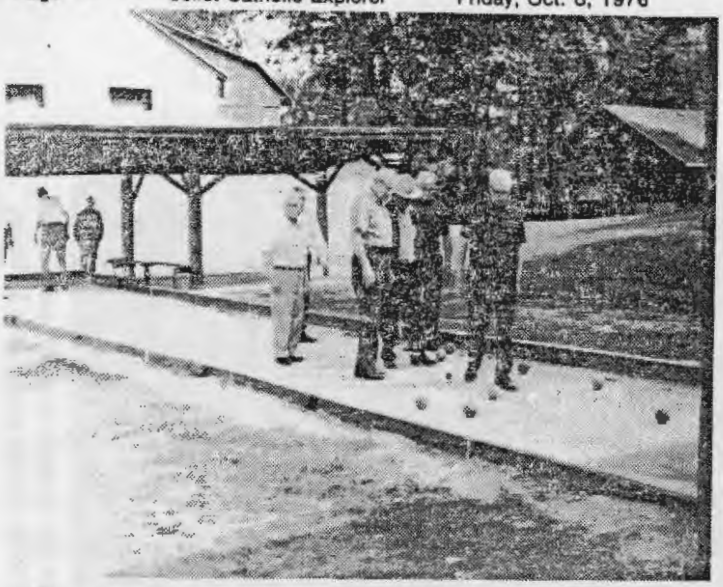
Presented to

ANGELA SETINA

in gratitude for your continuing contribution of service and leadership to your community, your fellow citizens and the State of Illinois.

Presented this 18TH *day of* MAY, *1976*

NEIL F. HARTIGAN
Lieutenant Governor,
State of Illinois



Bocci balls Joe Ambrozich, Frank Vessel, Joe Horvatin, Felix Jamnik and John Girmando prepare for a game of Bocci balls.

Golden anniversary A celebration in September marked the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buchar, active members in St. Joseph's senior citizens club. Msgr. Butala was the celebrant.

Golden years

Day with the seniors

JOLIET — The Roman philosopher Senaca wrote: "Let us cherish and love old age, for it is full of pleasure if one knows how to use it."

In this spirit, the Senior parishioners of St. Joseph parish, Joliet, will be celebrating their twentieth anniversary, Wednesday, Oct. 13, at St. Joseph Park hall, 416 N. Chicago st.

THE SENIOR BEGAN on June 6, 1956. There were 26 charter members under the direction of Msgr. M.J. Butala. They would meet as they still continue to do, every Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Every third Wednesday of the month they have their monthly birthday party honoring the members whose birthday's are celebrated that month with dinner which is prepared by a group of loyal and expert cooks.

Following the dinner a business meeting is held.

After the meeting the men have a chance to play cards and bocci ball, while the women enjoy a few games of bingo, bunco or just plain socializing.

These afternoons offer a fine opportunity for the 'seniors' to get out and be with friends. They also have a chance to use their talents.

CRAFT ABILITY in the ceramics department which began Oct. 3, 1956, or the rug weaving department which was launched June, 1960, both of the work area are located upstairs at St Joseph Park hall.

The handicraft member work between 9 a.m. and p.m. every Wednesday.

Through their dedicated work, many thousands o dollars have been contributed to the parish for its operation and programming.

IN ADDITION, there are women who knit and crochet handmade articles which are sold or/and raffled at various parish functions.

Much of the articles made by the seniors are sold at their annual Christmas bazaar, the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, and given away for gifts at their card party and at the annual parish fair.

The organization boasts more than 150 persons in its membership.

The current officers are Msgr. M. J. Butala, spiritual director; Gert Felix, president; Ann pomatto, first vice president; Angela Setina, secretary; Anton Skul, treasurer; Francis Gregorish, telephone chairman.

Working as the refreshment committee are Joseph Ambrozich, John Znidarsic and Joseph Horvatin.

Senior parishioners are an integral part of parish life at St. Joseph's.

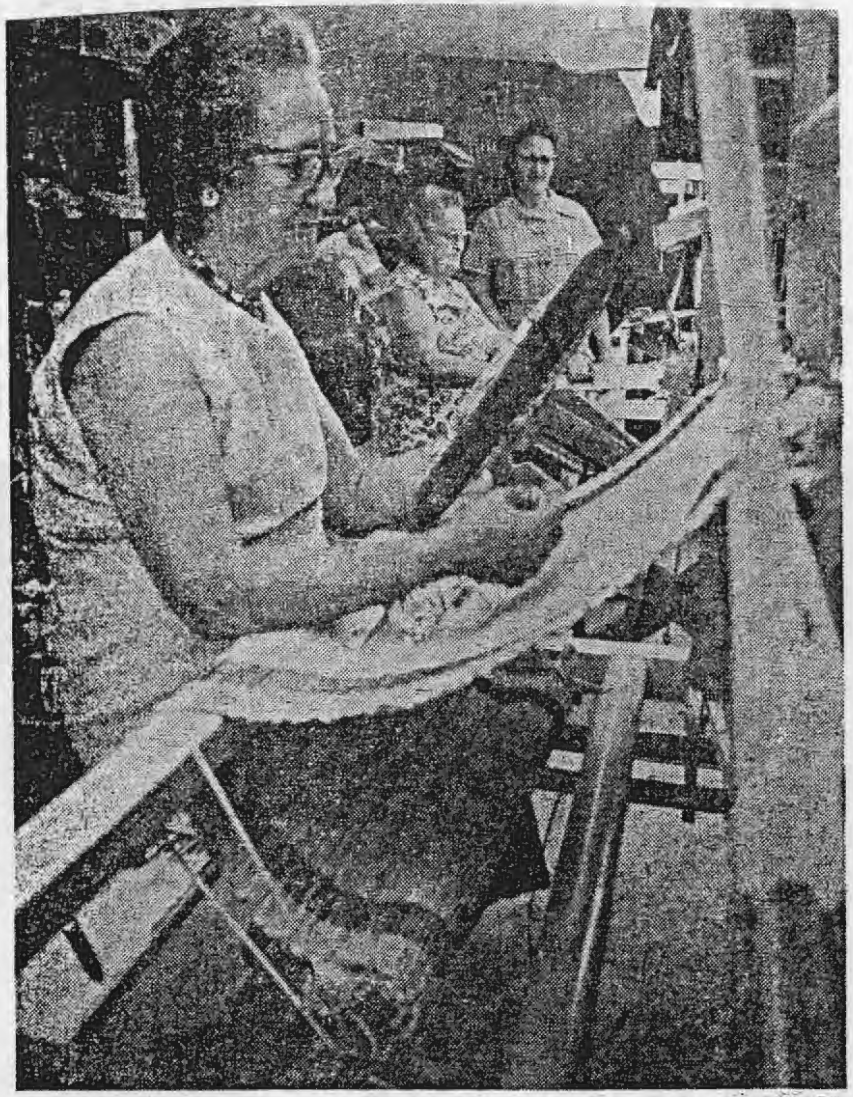
The parish community at large, congratulates them, respects them, loves them.

Senior officers

1976

Msgr. M. J. Butala confers with the officers for the Golden Agers of St. Joseph's as they prepare to mark their twentieth anniversary. Officers include Tony Skul, Ann Pomatto, Angela Setina, Frances Gregorish, Gert Felix and Frank Fedo.

October, 1976 ↑



September 24, 1977→

Weaving is one of the activities for St. Joseph Church senior citizens (from left) Angela Setina, Mary M. Terlep and Katie Loknar.

This picture appeared in the Joliet Herald News
on September 24, 1977

Foreground: Angela Setina
Background: Mary M. Terlep (seated); Katie Loknar

SENIORS

Our Senior Parishioners will begin their Birthday Party with dinner served Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. with Pot Luck Service. Msgr. Butala will show slides of Baraga Land and Disneyland.

Also, plans are underway for the Annual Spring Social Card Party, Sunday, March 25, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Park Hall. Proceeds will be used for decorating of the church. Chairladies are Mrs. Rudolph Marentic and Mrs. Michael Setina. Tickets to the Social are $1.50 and include complimentary refreshments and door prizes. Tickets may be purchased in advance from committee members, or at the door. In conjunction with the party, a Bakery Sale will be featured. Make plans now to attend and have an enjoyable afternoon playing cards and games and make this a successful event. Friends of the Parish and the general public are invited.

1978

SENIORS

A grateful thanks is extended to our Senior Parishioners for donating $1,001.00 to the Parish. This donation is the profit of the Card Party which was held March 25. Mrs. Rudolph Marentic and Mrs. Michael Setina were the chairladies.

1978

ST. JOSEPH'S CARD PARTY

The annual fall card party presented by St. Joseph's ladies societies and parishioners will be at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at the park hall at Theodore and Raynor. Proceeds will go for church renovation. Chairmen are Evelyn Lustick and Marge Grayhack. Admission for games, dessert and coffee will be $1.50. Tickets may be purchased from committee members or at the door. The public is invited.

A bakery booth will be directed by Mary Plankar and Johanna Krall. Prizes include a $25 savings bond, a ceramic tree, a bushel of groceries, loomed rugs, ham and other items. Societies presenting the party are represented by Mary Mihelich, Mary Riola, Rose Paul, Mary Terlep, Angela Setina, Olga Ancel and Agnes Lovati.

4 senior Jolietans lobby for tax rebate

SPRINGFIELD (CNS) — Four retired Joliet residents went to the Capitol Wednesday to tell legislators how they feel about taxes.

The group was among several at the Capitol for a day of lobbying for a bill seeking to establish a property tax refund. The bill also covers renters. The legislation dealing with the senior citizens passed the House and is in the Senate.

William Stewart, who retired from U.S. Steel, said, "This is something we all need."

"We are being taxes out of our house," said John Residori, a retired Caterpillar Co. employe.

The two agreed that persons holding elective office should begin heeding some of the wishes of the voters.

"They are going to be voted out," said Stewart. "People are getting tired."

"If this bill doesn't pass the same thing will happen here as happened in California," said Residori.

"I just hope they don't pass this through and then forget it," said George Farley, a 40-year employe of Caterpillar.

"We need some of the injustices of the property taxes taken off," he said. "A lot of people are trying to get by on Social Security and they just can't do it."

Angela M. Setina, who has been a housewife, said it is hard to live on Social Security.

"The relief is needed now and it can't come next year," she said.

The group heard from the Democratic gubernatorial candidate comptroller Michael J. Bakalis and later in the day met with Gov. James R. Thompson.

This picture appeared in the "Glasilo",
a publication of the American Slovenian Catholic Union
Spring, 1978

Left to Right:
Mary Mihelic, Angela Setina, Msgr. M. J. Butala, Gert Felix, Robert Verbiscer

JOLIET INVOLVED IN SPECIAL FRATERNAL PROJECTS

Through the KSKJ SPECIAL FRATERNAL PROJECT ALLOTMENT the St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners were recipients of the following items: Thermos pitchers, electric knife, electric coffee pot, mixing and electric roaster.

Displaying these items are Mary Mihelic, Secretary St. Genvieve Societ yNo. 108; Angela Setina, Recording Secretary St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners; Msgr. M. J. Butala, Spiritual Director Senior Parishioners; Gert Felix, President of Senior Parishioners and Robert Verbiscer. National Assistant Secretary. Angela Setina and Gert Felix are members of St. Gens No. 108, and Msgr. is a member and Spiritual Director of St. Francis No. 29 and Bob is treasurer of St. Joseph's No. 2.

Sponsoring Joliet Lodges in these projects are St. Joseph No. 2, St. George No. 3, St. Cyril and Methodius No. 8, St. Francis No. 29, St. Anthony No. 87, St. Genevieve No. 108 and St. John No. 143.

Fraternally,
Rudolph J. Pucell
President Joliet Societies

SPRING 1978

Michael Setinas observe 50 years of marriage

The 50th wedding anniversary was observed by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina with Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Butala, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Due to the poor health of Mr. Setina, the Mass was said in their home with only members of the family in attendance.

Before ill health forced his retirement in 1965, Mr. Setina was active in church and fraternal work and was secretary of St. Francis de Sales Society No. 29, American Slovenian Catholic Union - K.S.K.J. for 21 years. Mrs. Setina is active with the Senior Parishioners, Altar and Rosary Society and St. Genevieve Society No. 108, American Slovenian Catholic Union - K.S.K.J.

A small reception for relatives and friends at the Setina home, 1015 Wilcox St., during the afternoon hours was hosted by their four daughters; Mrs. Henry Graf (Genevieve), Mrs. D o u g l a s Krause (Beatrice), Mrs. William Scholtes (Doro t h y), Mrs. Walter Kerwin (Joan); their son, Michael T., and their 13 grandchildren. Grandson Mark Graf served at the Mass and granddaughter Julie Setina received first Holy Communion.

Mr. Setina and the former Angela Ursich were married by the late Rev. John Plevnik in St. Joseph's Church, Joliet, April 28, 1920.

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Vem, da vsi z menoj vred častitate Mr. in Mrs. M i c h a e l Setina, ki sta obhajala 50-letnico poroke 2. maja. Mike, zmeraj navdušen fraternalist, je bil tajnik društva sv. Frančiška št. 29 celih 21 let. Njegova ž e n a Angela, sin, hčere in vnuki so vsi člani K.S.K.J. — naravno.

Mrs. Ameliji Kostelz se zdravje stalno izboljšuje. Čudovita postrežba v bolnišnici sv. Jožefa ji bo kmalu omogočila zapustiti bolnišnico, četudi bo še potrebovala oskrbo za nekaj časa.

Ali ste zapazili posebne znake — "K.S.K.J. One Hundred Club 1970"?

Upam, da ga tudi VI nosite!

Mary Zeleznikar

Mr., Mrs. Michael Setina Mark 50th Anniversary

Joliet, Ill.— The Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary was observed by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina with Mass celebrated by Msgr. M. J. Butala, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Due to the poor health of Mr. Setina the Mass was said in the home with only members of the family in attendance, on May 2.

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To Observe Silver Wedding Anniversary Sunday Afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina, 1015 Wilcox street, will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary Sunday with a high mass at 7, o'clock at St. Joseph's Catholic church. A dinner will be served to the members of the immediate family at 12 o'clock noon and an "open house" reception will be held in the afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock. No invitations have been issued, but all relatives and friends are invited to attend.

I know you will all join me in extending hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Setina who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on May 2nd. Mike, always an ardent fraternalist, was secretary of St. Francis No. 29 for 21 years. His wife Angela, son, daughters and grandchildren are all members

April 1980

St. Joseph Altar, Rosary to celebrate 90th year

St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society will celebrate its 90th anniversary starting with a concelebrated Mass at the church at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 22.

The altar and rosary society was the first church society established at the parish, within six months after the parish was formed. It was founded Nov. 6, 1891 by Rev. Francis Sustersic with 13 charter members. Its first meeting was in the home of Joseph Stukel on Indiana Street.

The society's purpose was "to provide care for the altar and obtain supplies which are needed in the church, such as altar linens, candles and numerous articles for decorations. Its spiritual purpose is to honor God through personal sanctification of its members."

Principal celebrant of the Mass will be the pastor, Rev. Thaddeus Trpin. Pastor Emiritus Msgr. M.J. Butala will give the homily, with assistant Rev. Krizolog Cimmerman. During the Mass the organist will be Anthony Rozman with the senior choir and Ann Fandak as the soloist.

St. Joseph's Parish Park on Theodore Street will be site of a 2 p.m. dinner honoring the 25 ladies who hold 50 year membership status. The after-dinner program will be handled by the society's president, Marge Grayhack.

Honored 50 year members are: Mayme Altland, Mary Ambrozich, Anna Ancel, Barbara Ancel, Josephine Erjavec, Gertrude Felix, Frances Gregorash, Bertha Gregory, Mary Hochevar, Josephine Horvath, Jennie Gregorich, Barbara Jelenich, Anna Jerisha, Frances Kalcic, Mary Kunstek, Jennie Mavrin, Caroline McGuckin, Mary Muhich, Katherine Przybylski, Angela Setina, Catherine Suhadolc, Catherine Svetich, Mary Terlep and Josephine Zelko.

All members and friends are welcome to join in the celebration, but are asked to make reservations.

1981

St. Joseph's women elect new officers

Altar and Rosary Society, Council of Catholic Women of St. Joseph's Church recently elected officers.

They include: Marge Grayhack, president; Eleanor Smrekar, first vice president; Angela Setina, second vice president; Mary Ambrozich, financial secretary; Angie Orr, recording secretary; and Marge Gasperich, treasurer.

Installation will be set at a later date. The Rev. Thaddeus Trpin is spiritual adviser.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is presented to

Mrs. Angela Setina

On this 26th day of January 1982

Our Lady Of Angels Retirement Home

For Volunteer Service

Sister Albert Marie Sopeck, OSF
Administrator

Sister M. Verdiana Braband
Assistant Administrator

Card party prizes

The Altar and Rosary Society CCW of St. Joseph's Church will have its annual spring card and bingo party at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the park hall. Angela Shetina, who is chairman of the event with Rose Gudac, displays some of the hand-made prizes. In addition to the games, a bakery booth will be featured. Admission is $1.50, which will include refreshments. Tickets will be available at the door. (Herald-News photo)

St. Joseph's women elect new officers

Altar and Rosary Society, Council of Catholic Women of St. Joseph's Church recently elected officers.

They include: Marge Grayhack, president; Eleanor Smrekar, first vice president; Angela Setina, second vice president; Mary Ambrozich, financial secretary; Angie Orr, recording secretary; and Marge Gasperich, treasurer.

Installation will be set at a later date. The Rev. Thaddeus Trpin is spiritual adviser.

APRIL 24, 1984

Handmade party prize

Angie Setina weaves a rug that will be given as a prize at an upcoming card and bingo party. The party, sponsored by St. Joseph Church Senior Parishioners, will be at 1:30 p.m. April 29 at St. Joseph Park Hall. Co-chairmen are Angie Padden and Theresa Potochnik. Other prizes include bushels of groceries, smoked sausages, wine, jewelry, afghans and shawls. There will be a bakery booth. Admission is $1.50, which includes refreshments. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

(Herald-News photo)

Angela Setina

This picture appeared in the Joliet Herald News
April 24, 1984

VOLUNTEER

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Awarded to

Angela Setina

For 77 hours of volunteer service to
Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home,
this eleventh day of January, 1986.

Sister Albert Marie Lapesh, OSF. - Administrator

Sister M. Claretta Gross, OSF. - Coordinator of Volunteers

1987 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

ANGELA SETINA

IN RECOGNITION OF BEING SELECTED AS

1987 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

FROM ST. JOSEPH PARISH.

THE JOLIET DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE YOU

ON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT YOUR PARISH AS

1987 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

FOR THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES YOU HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR CHURCH,

YOUR C.C.W. AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

PRESENTED AT THE EIGHTH ANNUAL BISHOP'S MASS,

APRIL 25, 1987

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND, JOLIET, ILLINOIS.

Glen Johnson

Glen Johnson
President, JDCCW

+Joseph L. Imesch

Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet

Rev. John M. Sebahar

Rev. John M. Sebahar
Moderator, JDCCW

ANGELA SETINA

Angela Setina was chosen by the Altar & Rosary Society CCW to represent St. Joseph's Parish at the Bishop's Luncheon on April 25th. A member of the Parish and active in the Altar & Rosary for 62 yrs., making linens and crocheting laces for the altars. Angela is also a member of the Senior Parishioners and St. Genevieve Lodge #108 KSKJ for 50 years. She was named to the Hall of Fame at the Senior Service center, and also has been in charge of the Senior weavers for 28 years.

Angela has five children, 13 Grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELA!

Sunday Bulletin
Saint Joseph's Church
May 17, 1987

St. Joseph's Altar, Rosary looks to 100th year

Society plans celebration

Angela Setina remembers both the 25th and 50th anniversaries of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Joseph Church in downtown Joliet.

Now, the 92-year-old woman is helping her club get ready to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Mrs. Setina, who was born in 1898, had been a member of the club for 15 years when her group celebrated its 50th anniversary. Her mother, one of the organizers of the society, was honored at the 25th anniversary.

Mrs. Setina's mother lived to be 94. "Maybe I inherited it (longevity) from my mother," she said.

Mrs. Setina was baptized at St. Joe's, had her first Communion there, was married there and her five children were all baptized there. Two were married there.

Her husband, Michael, who died in 1971, is buried in St. Joe's cemetery.

What she has liked best about her 65-year association with the A&R is "being close to the church, associating with the women."

The church's 100th anniversary is in 1991, but the A&R wanted to get a jump on things so their celebration is this fall.

Diane Govednik

Angela Setina

Marge Grayhack

The A&R is the oldest women's organization in St. Joseph's parish. It was established within six months after the parish was founded, just eight years before Mrs. Setina was born. The goal of the society was to furnish supplies and arrange the altar.

"We still do that today," said Marge Grayhack, who is president of the club. Nowadays, the group raises a respectable amount of money each year for altar supplies. The club raised about $3,000 last year, said Mrs. Grayhack. The money goes toward items like linens, flowers, vestments and candles and part of the money is raised each year by the A&R's card party.

"Our spiritual purpose is to honor God through personal satisfaction of our members," said Mrs. Grayhack.

There are social events for the club's 276 members. The club meets the third Wednesday of every third month at St. Joseph Park Hall.

Diane Govednik is in charge of reservations for the catered dinner celebration Sunday.

The A&R, which is now also the Council of Catholic Women at St. Joe's, was founded on Nov. 6, 1891, by the Rev. Francis Susterich, the first church pastor. There were 113 charter members.

Concelebrated Mass at church

A concelebrated Mass to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society, Council of Catholic Women, will be at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Principal celebrant will be the Rev. Athanasius Lovrencic. Monsignor. M.J. Butala, pastor emeritus, will give the homily, with assistance from the Rev. Bernard Karmanocky.

A catered dinner will be served at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Park Hall, and there will be a program. Theresa Marentic will be honored as a 50-year member.

The Rev. Athanasius Lovrencic with Altar and Rosary Society banner.

Angela Setina will be honored as having been a member for the longest time, 65 years. Other long-time members to be honored include Caroline McGuckin, 62 years; Anna Ancel, 62 years; Mary Ambrozich, 62 years; Katherine Suhadolc, 60 years; Bertha Gregory, 59 years; Katherine Przybylski, 59 years; and Gertrude Felix, 58 years.

Margie Grayhack will give the welcoming address. Toastmistress will be Antonette Petrovic.

Each member is allowed to bring a guest. Diane Govednik is in charge of reservations.

A social afternoon will follow.

St. Genevieve No. 108 member Angie Setina is presented with a check for the face value of her KSKJ policy by lodge officers after reaching the ultimate endowment age. Lodge officers said that her valued membership these many years will be remembered and that Angie will always be considered an honorary member. The presentation was made at the lodge meeting during the picnic on July 13. (Photos courtesy of Marge Grayhack)

1994

One of the oldest members of St. Genevieve Lodge 108 is 95-year-old Angela Setina. She is pictured here with daughter Gen Graf.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

American Slovenian Catholic Union

K.S.K.J.

Does Hereby Record Its Appreciation

To ANGELA SETINA

Member of ST. GENEVIEVE *Lodge No.* 108

For Fifty Years of Membership and Faithful Service in Fostering and Perpetuating The Principles and Precepts, "All For Faith, Home and Nation."

Henry L. Gorsel
National President

Anthony F. Mravle
National Secretary

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DEATH NOTICES

† Angela Setina

Angela Setina, known for her dedication to her St. Joseph Parish, its organizations, and various fraternal societies, expired October 27, 1997, at the age of 99 years. Her husband, Michael, who died June 3, 1971, served as secretary of St. Francis de Sales No. 29 KSKJ for 22 years.

Angela Setina

Her parents, Michael and Amelia (Birsa) Ursich, were very active in the beginnings of St. Joseph Parish circa the 1890s. Preceding her in death were three brothers, Michael, Frank, and Dr. Joseph Ursich, and four sisters, Sister M. Valburga, OSF, Sister M. Engratia, OSF, Amelia Kostelz, and Mary Zeleznikar.

She is survived by her son, Michael, and daughters, Genevieve Graf, Beatrice Krause, Dorothy Scholtes, and Joan Kerwin; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her memberships included the Altar and Rosary Society for 75 years, which she served as vice president, and the Rosarian Club. For the St. Joseph Senior Parishioners, Angela was one of the organizers, its secretary for 19 years, its Woman of the Year in 1976, and weaving instructor. For St. Anne's Court WCOF she was president and financial secretary. She was very active in St. Genevieve's No. 108 KSKJ.

While a member of Senior Services Center of Will County, she was selected to the Hall of Fame in 1976.

Angela represented St. Joseph Parish in 1987 as Woman of the Year. At Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home, Angela was a volunteer weaver.

God grant her eternal rest and happiness!

DEATH

Paid announcements supplied

Angela M. Setina

Age 99, nee Ursich. At rest October 27, 1997.

Survived by her children, Genevieve (Henry) Graf, Beatrice (late Douglas) Krause, Dorothy (William) Scholtes, Michael (Marilyn) Setina, Joan (late Walter) Kerwin; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Born in Joliet. Preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Amalia (Birsa) Ursich; her husband, Michael Setina; great-granddaughter, Laura Zielinski; her brothers, Michael, Frank and Dr. Joseph E. Ursich; sisters, Sister M. Walburga OSF, Sister, M. Engratia OSF, Amalia Kostelz and Mary Zeleznikar.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish; Vice President and 75 year member of the Altar and Rosary Society; The Rosarian Club; St. Genevieve Society #108 KSKJ; Organizer of St. Joseph's Senior Parishoners, serving as Secretary for 19 years; also, chosen Woman of the Year for Senior Parishoners in 1976 and organized and taught Weaving to St. Joseph's Senior Parishoners. Former President and Financial Secretary of St. Anne's Court WCOF; Member of Senior Services Center of Will County, selected to the Hall of Fame in 1976. Woman of the Year, St. Joseph's Parish, JDCCW, April of 1987. Volunteer Weaver at Our Lady of Angels for many years.

TEZAK FUNERAL HOME

459 N. Ottawa St., Joliet 722-0524 from where services will be held Thursday, October 30 at 9:30 to St. Joseph's Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00. Interment church cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, 2-9 P.M.

In Loving Memory of

ANGELA M. SETINA

Born September 4, 1898

At Rest October 27, 1997

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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